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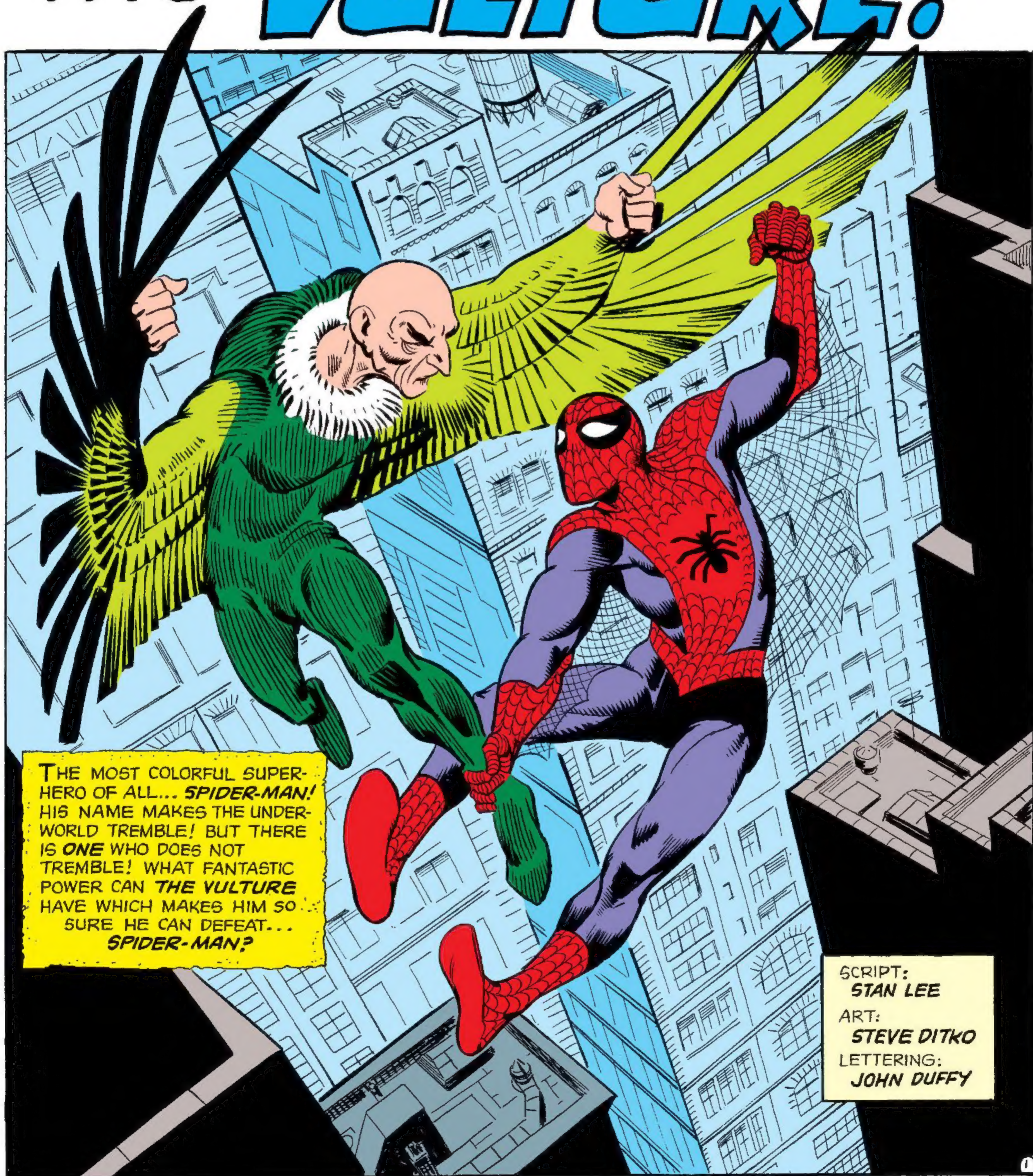
2 GREAT NEW
SUPER-VILLAINS!

*featuring: "The VULTURE!"
and...*



SPIDER-MAN

"DUEL TO THE DEATH WITH
The VULTURE!"



THE MOST COLORFUL SUPER-HERO OF ALL... **SPIDER-MAN!** HIS NAME MAKES THE UNDERWORLD TREMBLE! BUT THERE IS **ONE** WHO DOES NOT TREMBLE! WHAT FANTASTIC POWER CAN **THE VULTURE** HAVE WHICH MAKES HIM SO SURE HE CAN DEFEAT... **SPIDER-MAN?**

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FOR DAYS, A NEW AND OMINOUS DANGER HAS MENACED THE VAST CITY OF NEW YORK! NO MAN KNOWS WHERE HE'LL STRIKE NEXT! NO ONE CAN COPE WITH THIS NEW, AWESOME THREAT! WITHOUT WARNING, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST SOUND, HE STRIKES!



FOR THIS IS -- **THE VULTURE!**



IT'S **THE VULTURE!** HE STOLE MY BRIEFCASE -- WITH A FORTUNE IN BONDS! **HELP!!**

I'VE **READ** ABOUT HIM--BUT NEVER EXPECTED TO **SEE** HIM!

I DIDN'T **BELIEVE** IT! I THOUGHT HE DIDN'T EXIST!

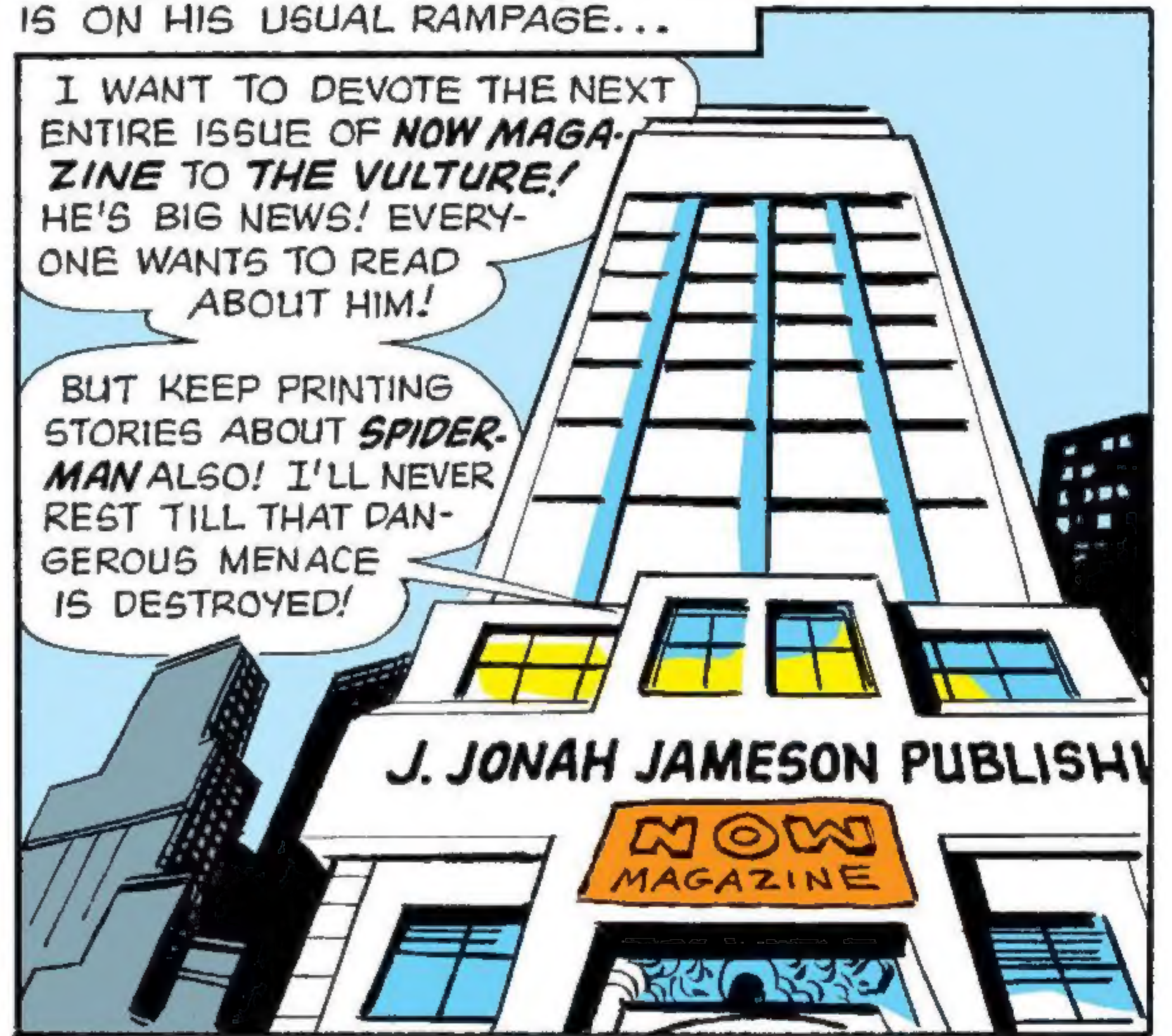
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE! HOW CAN HE **FLY**--WITHOUT A SOUND--WITHOUT ANY EFFORT! HE'S MORE LIKE A GIGANTIC BIRD OF PREY THAN A HUMAN!



AND, IN THE EXECUTIVE SUITE OF THE POWERFUL **JAMESON PUBLICATIONS**, MR. J. JONAH JAMESON IS ON HIS USUAL RAMPAGE...

I WANT TO DEVOTE THE NEXT ENTIRE ISSUE OF **NOW MAGAZINE** TO **THE VULTURE!** HE'S BIG NEWS! EVERYONE WANTS TO READ ABOUT HIM!

BUT KEEP PRINTING STORIES ABOUT **SPIDER-MAN** ALSO! I'LL NEVER REST TILL THAT DANGEROUS MENACE IS DESTROYED!



IS **THIS** THE ONLY PHOTO WE HAVE OF **THE VULTURE**? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU MEN? WHAT AM I **PAYING** YOU FOR? THE PUBLIC WANTS TO **SEE** HIM!

BUT, MR. JAMESON, **NOBODY** CAN GET PICTURES OF HIM! HE'S GONE BEFORE ANY PHOTOGRAPHER CAN GET TO HIM! WE HAVE ONLY AN ARTIST'S DRAWING!

NO MORE EXCUSES! GET ME PICTURES OF **THE VULTURE**--OR I'LL GET SOME NEW EDITORS!

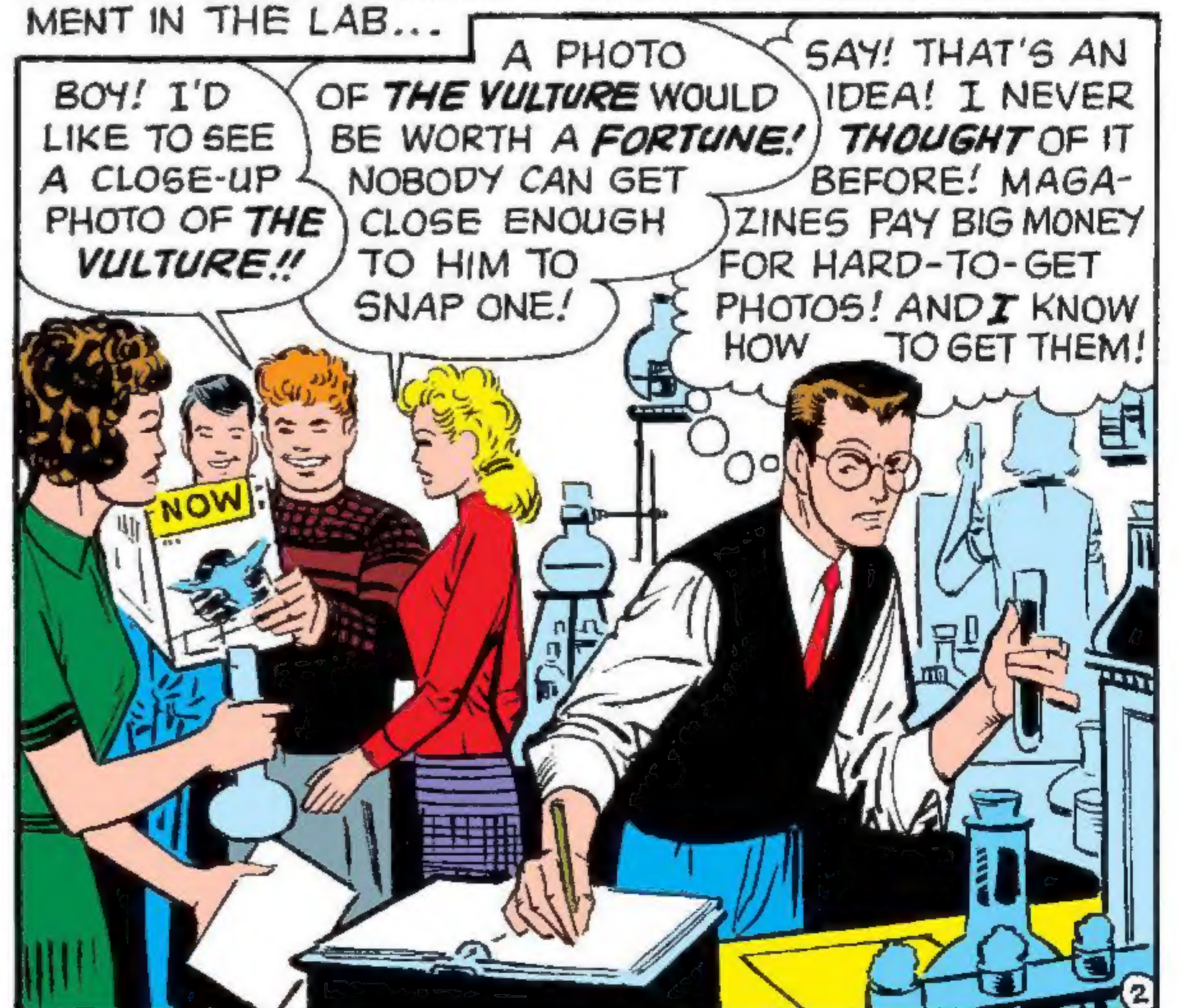


MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY HIGH SCHOOL, PETER PARKER OVERHEARS AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION AS THE YOUNG SCIENCE MAJOR PERFORMS AN EXPERIMENT IN THE LAB...

BOY! I'D LIKE TO SEE A CLOSE-UP PHOTO OF **THE VULTURE**!!

A PHOTO OF **THE VULTURE** WOULD BE WORTH A **FORTUNE!** NOBODY CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIM TO SNAP ONE!

SAY! THAT'S AN IDEA! I NEVER **THOUGHT** OF IT BEFORE! **MAGAZINES** PAY BIG MONEY FOR HARD-TO-GET PHOTOS! AND I KNOW HOW TO GET THEM!

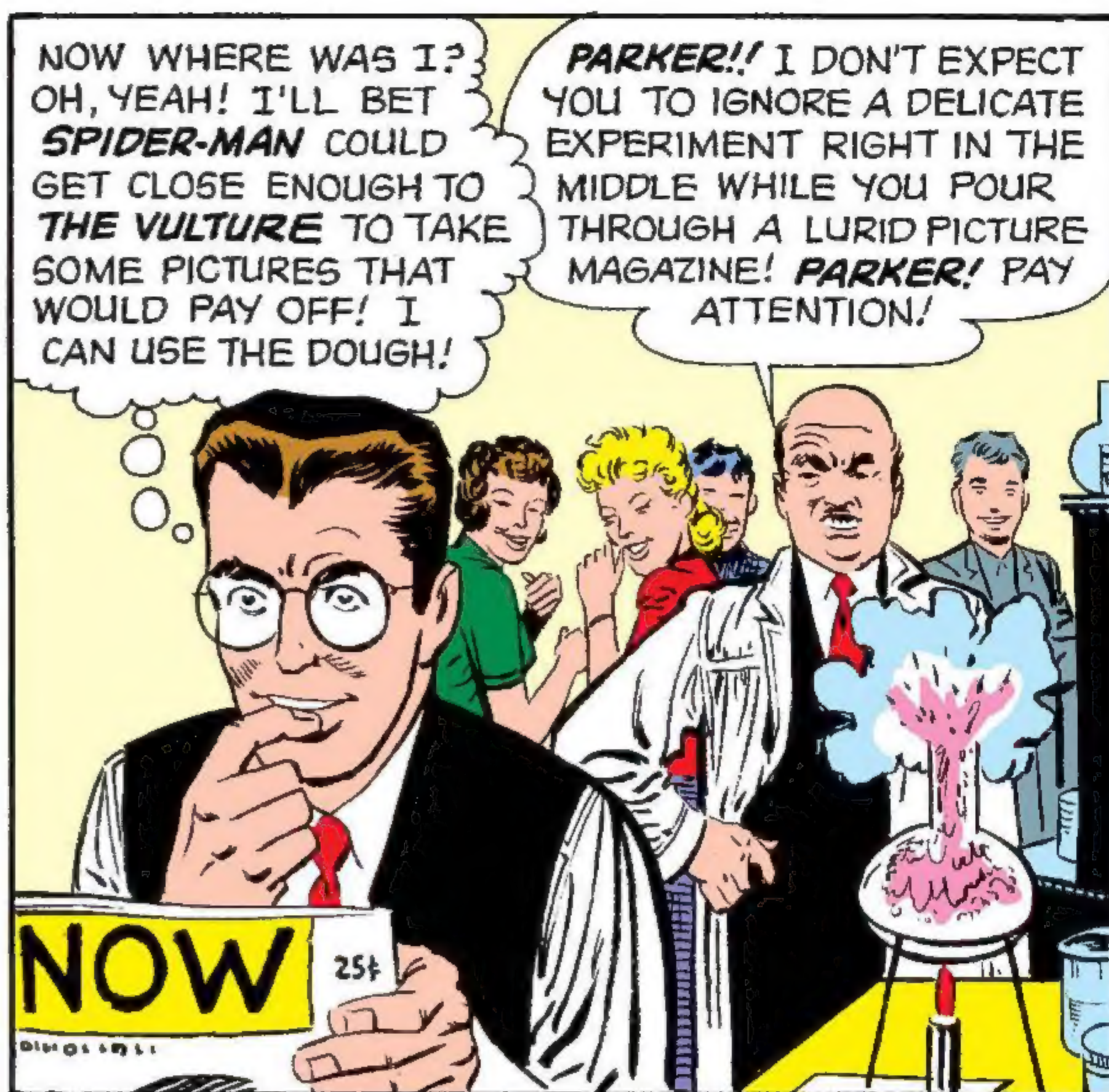
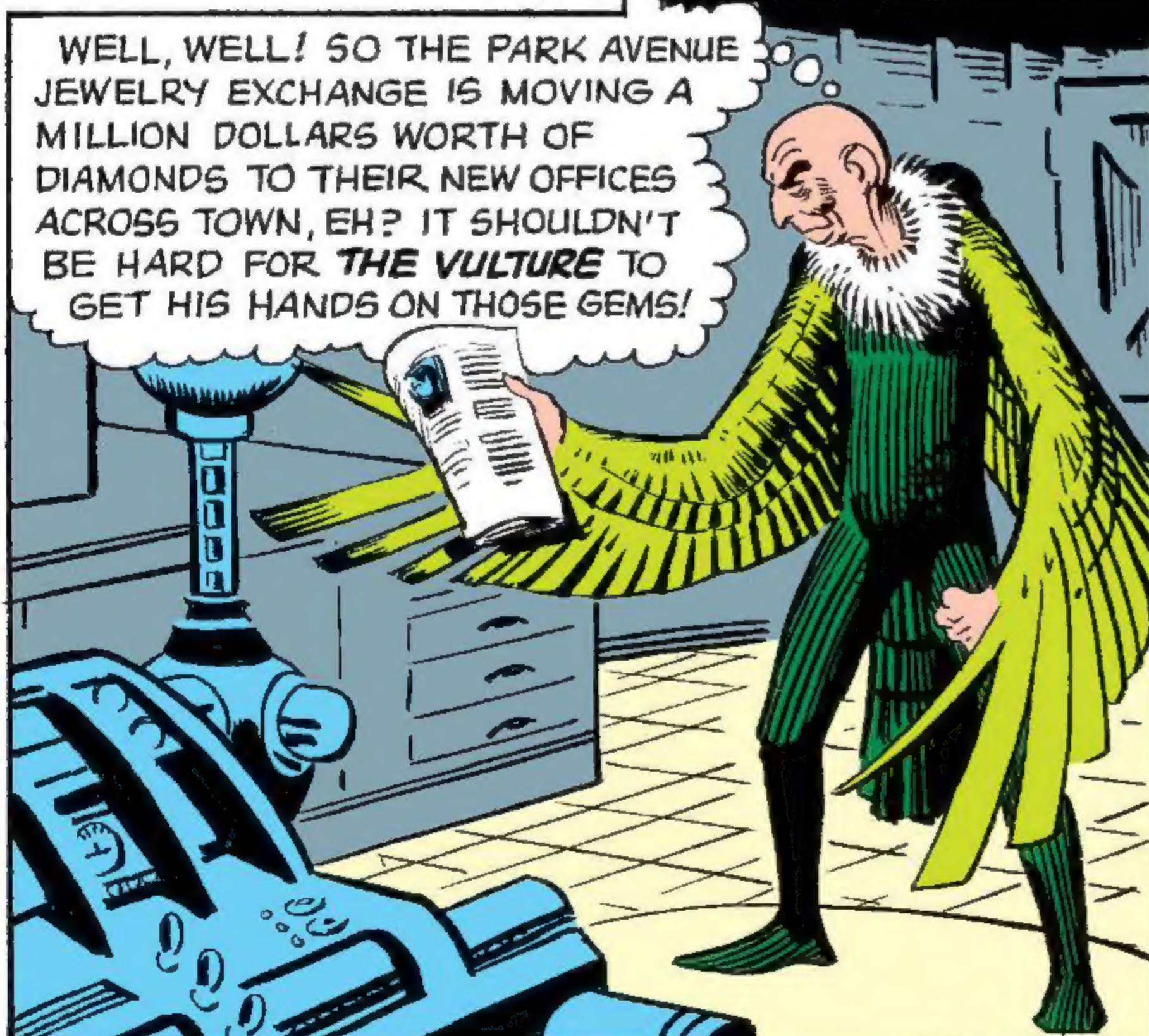




AS SOON AS SCHOOL ENDS, THE EXCITED TEEN-AGER RUSHES HOME TO HIS AUNT MAY AND IS DELIGHTED TO LEARN...



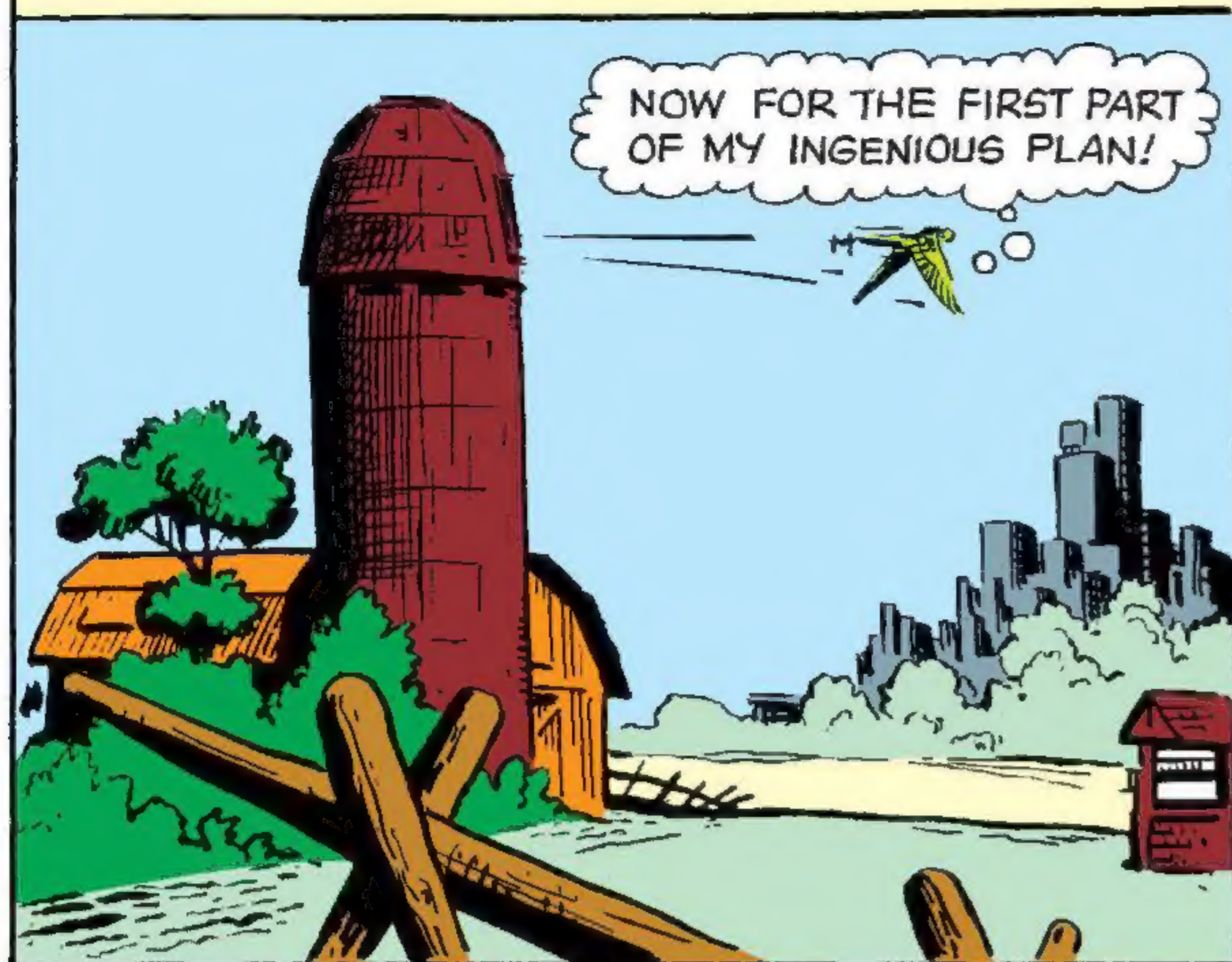
MEANWHILE, IN A CAREFULLY-PREPARED HIDEOUT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...



AND THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS ROOM, PETER PARKER CHANGES INTO THE MOST DRAMATIC COSTUMED FIGURE OF ALL -- THAT OF **SPIDER-MAN!**...



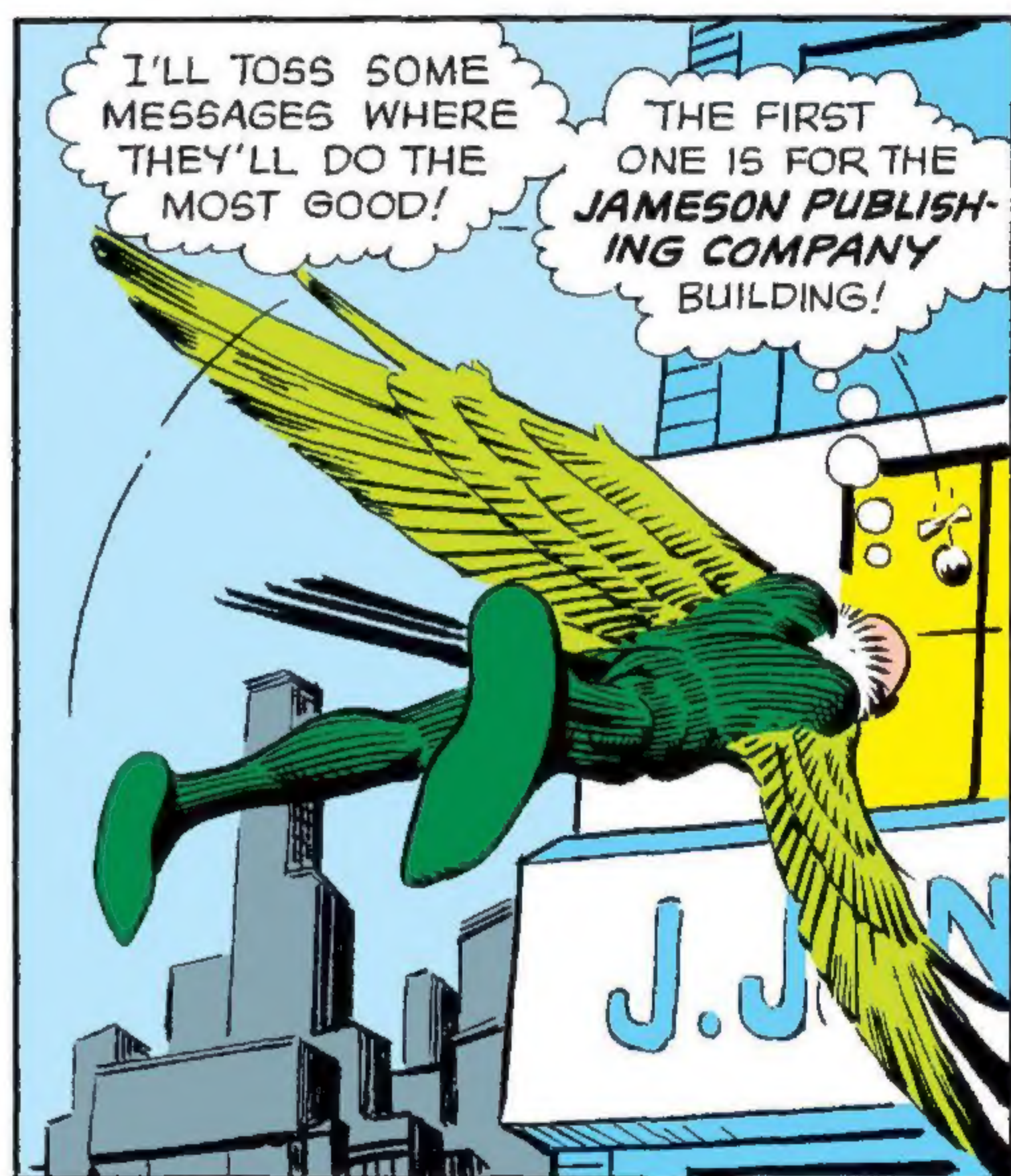
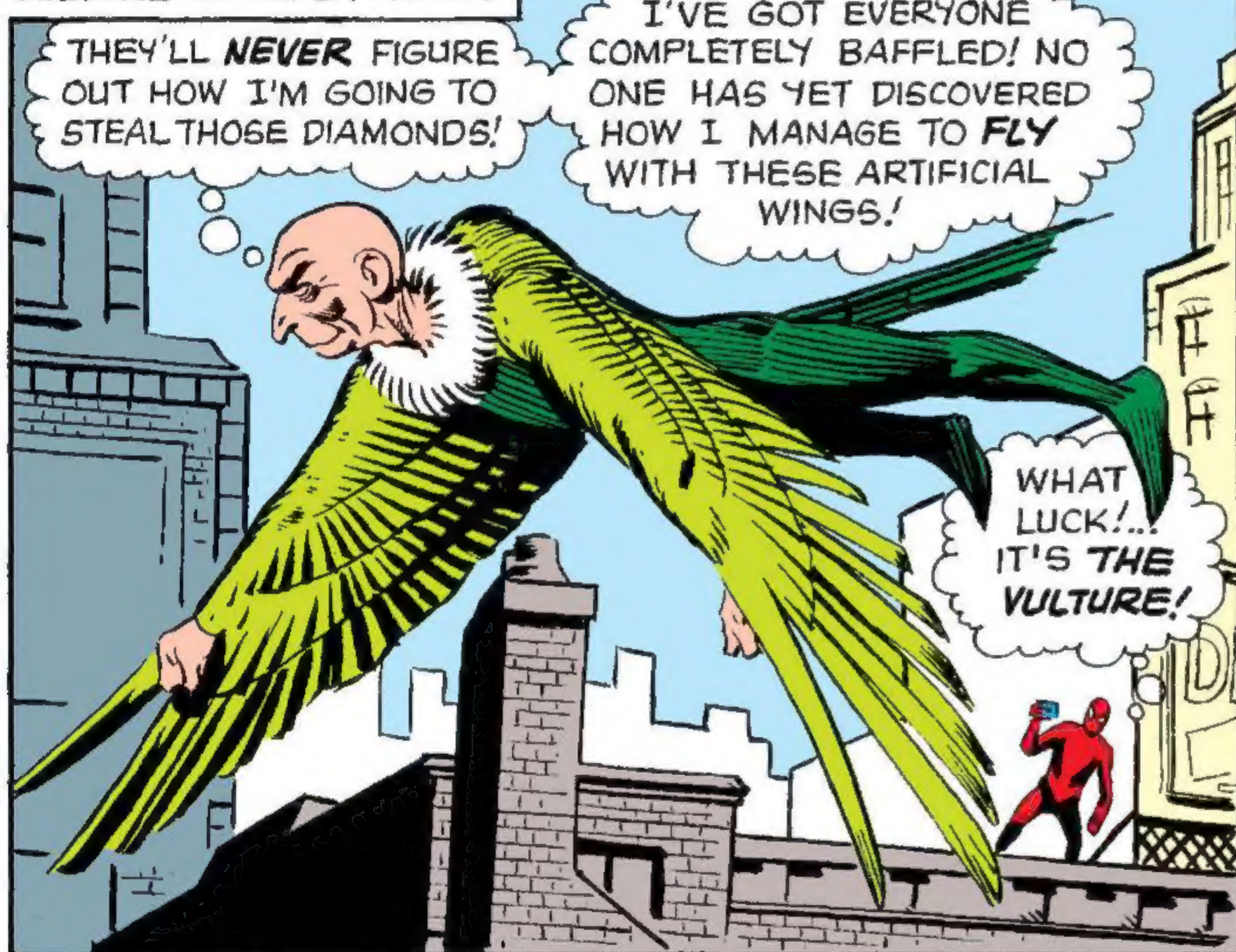
AFTER MAKING CERTAIN HE IS NOT OBSERVED, **THE VULTURE** DARTS FROM HIS HIDING PLACE ATOP AN ABANDONED SILO IN STATEN ISLAND, JUST A FEW SECONDS FROM THE HEART OF MANHATTEN...

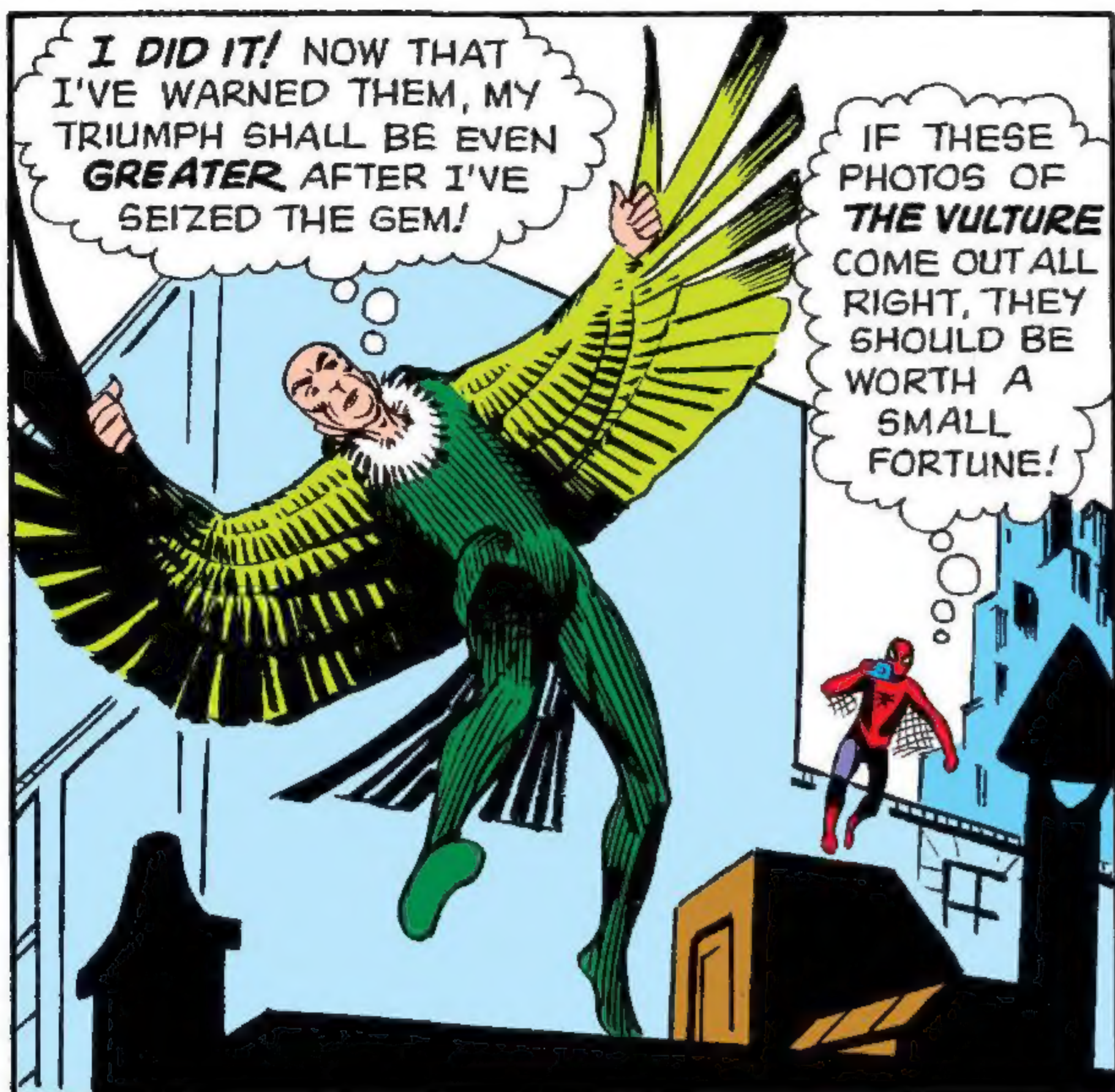


SECONDS LATER, ATOP AN APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE HE HAD BEEN CHECKING HIS CAMERA, **SPIDER-MAN'S** AMAZING SPIDER SENSES PICK UP A STRANGE SENSATION...

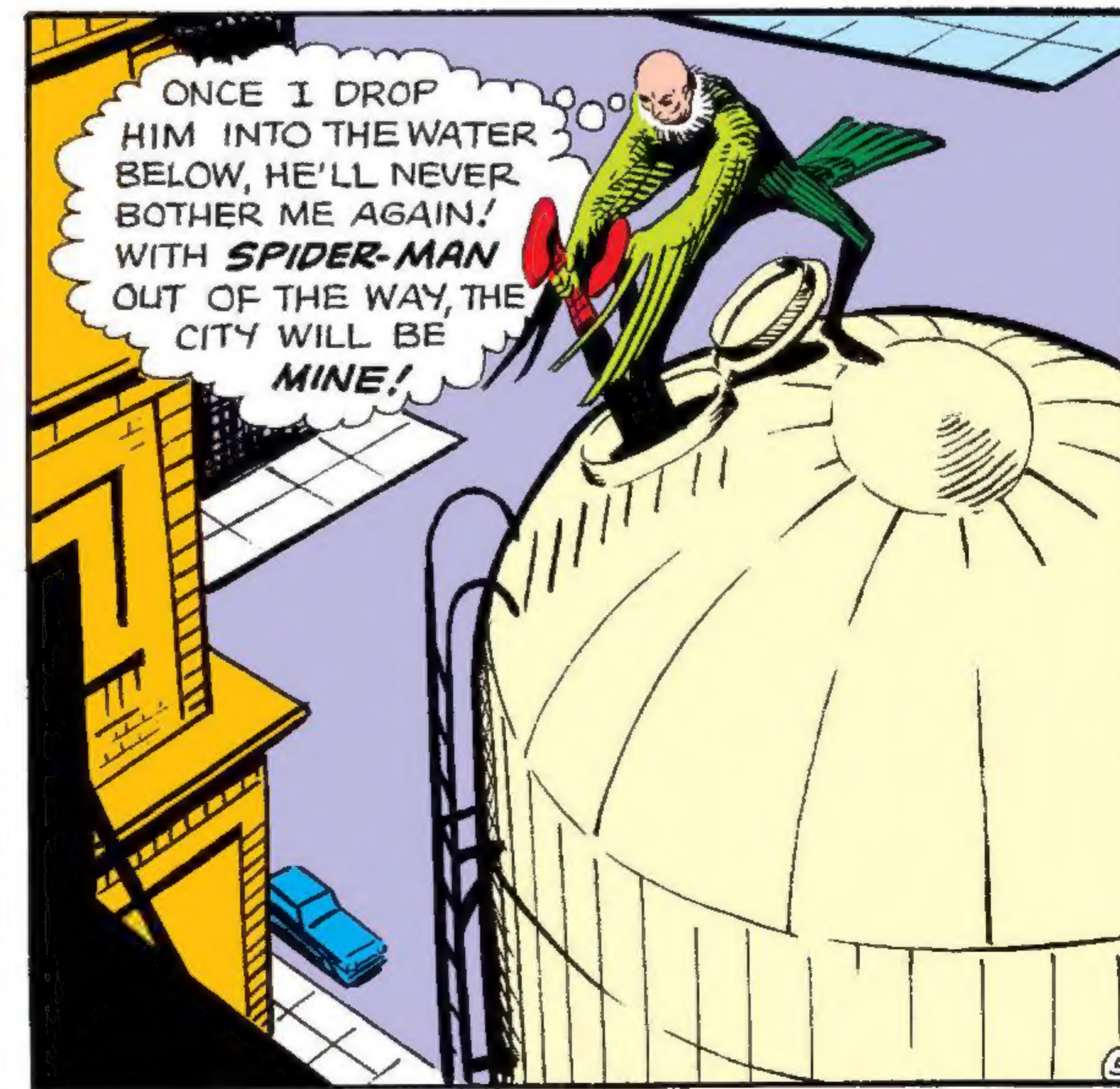
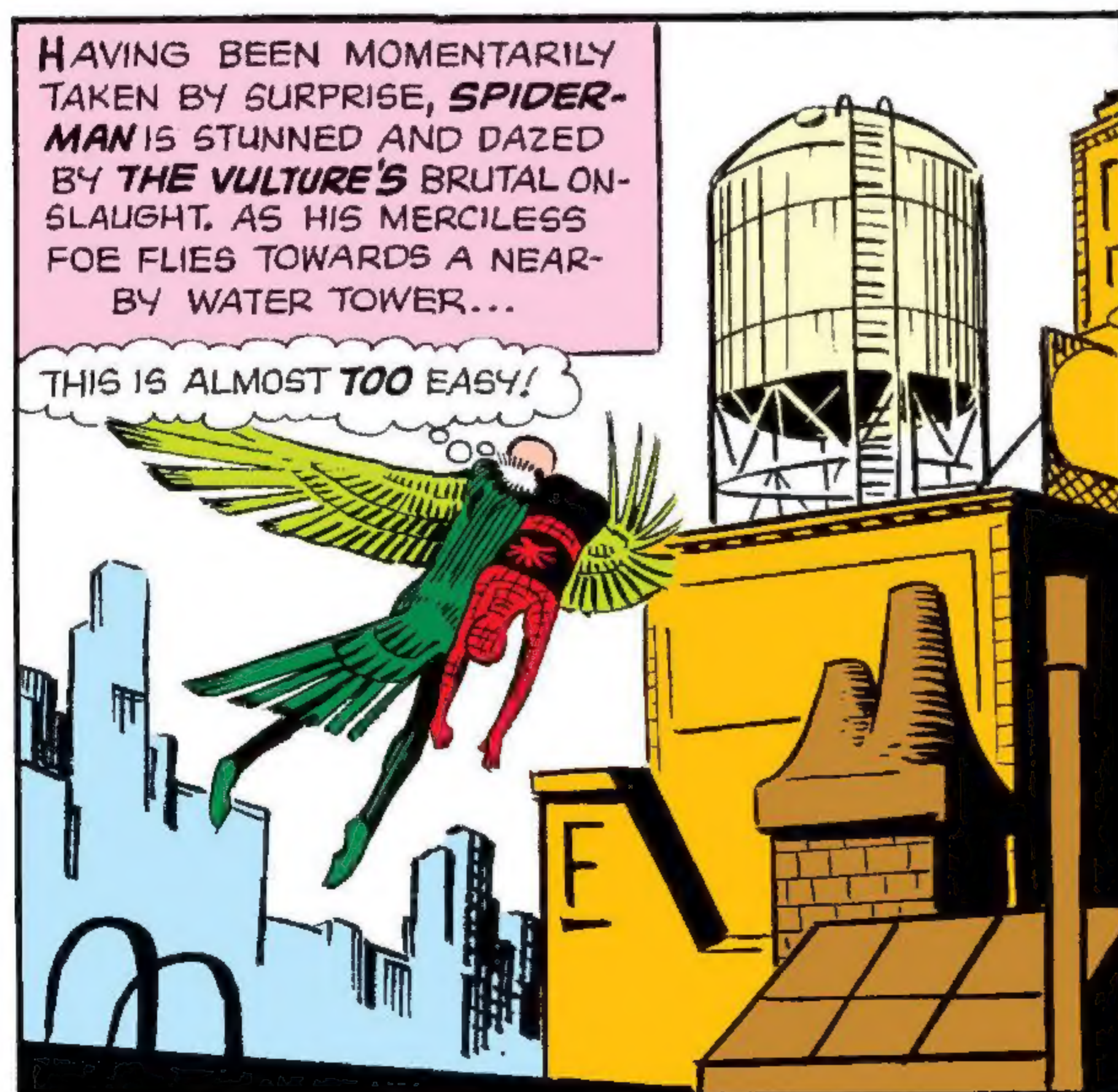
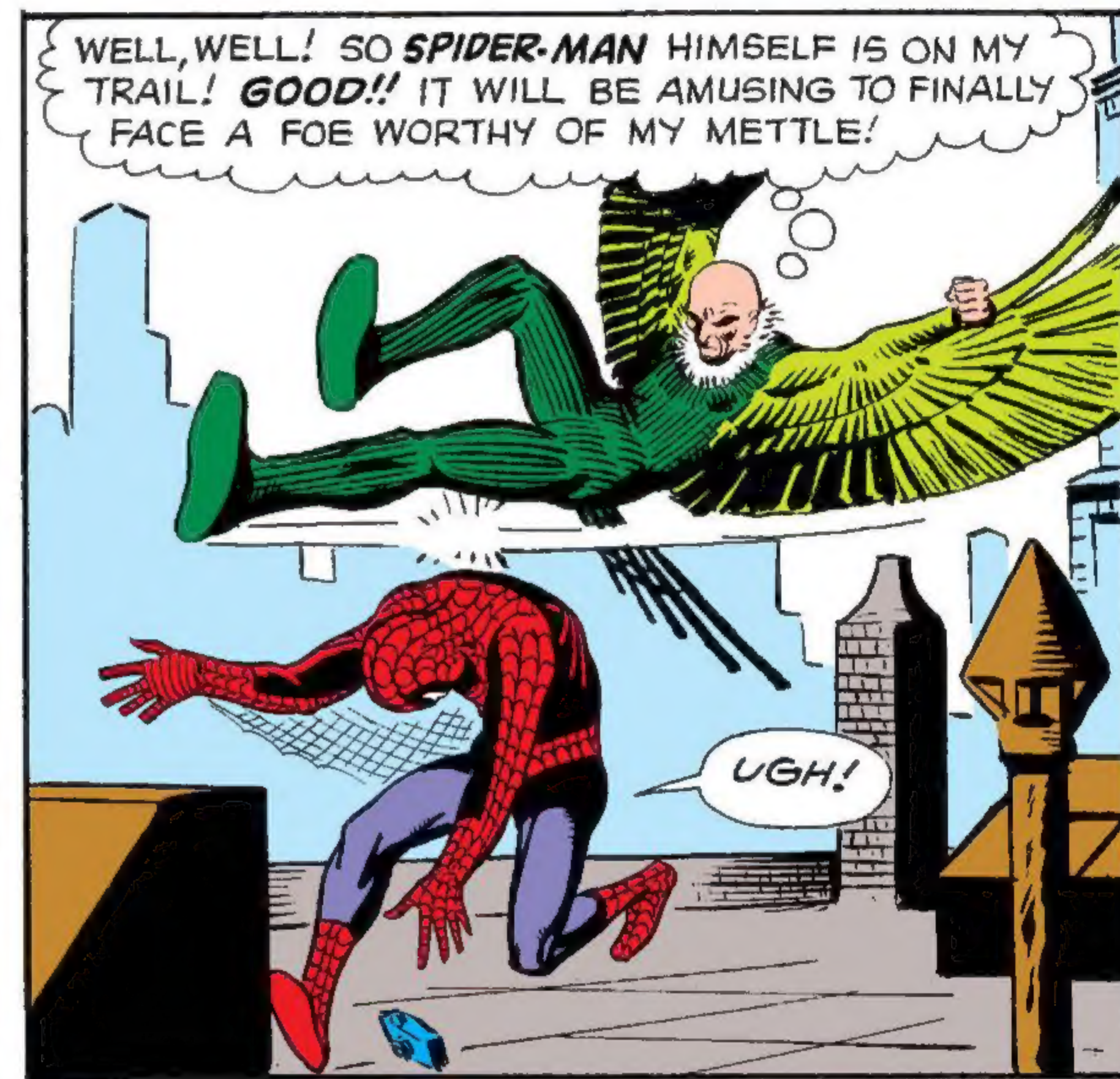
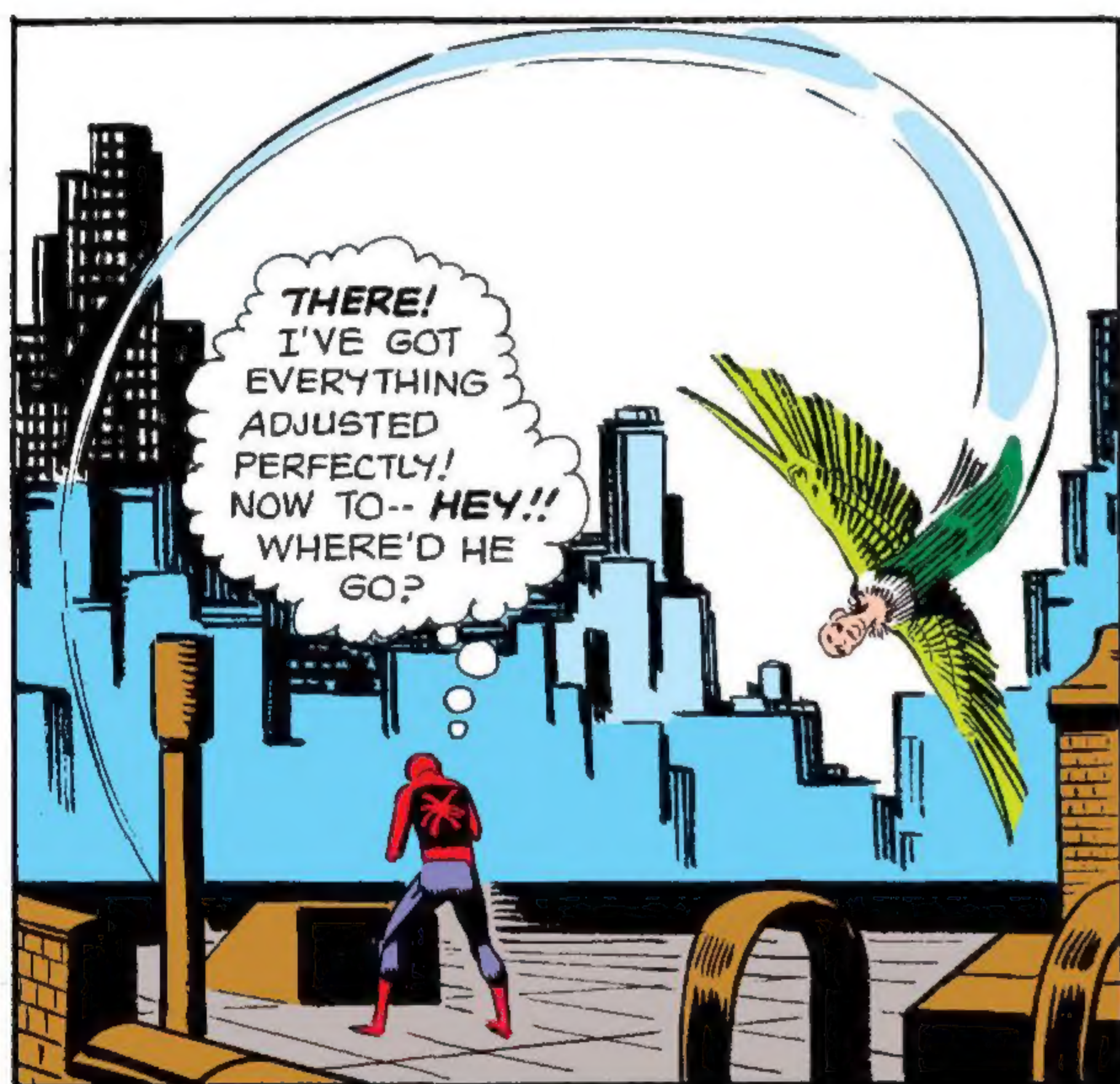


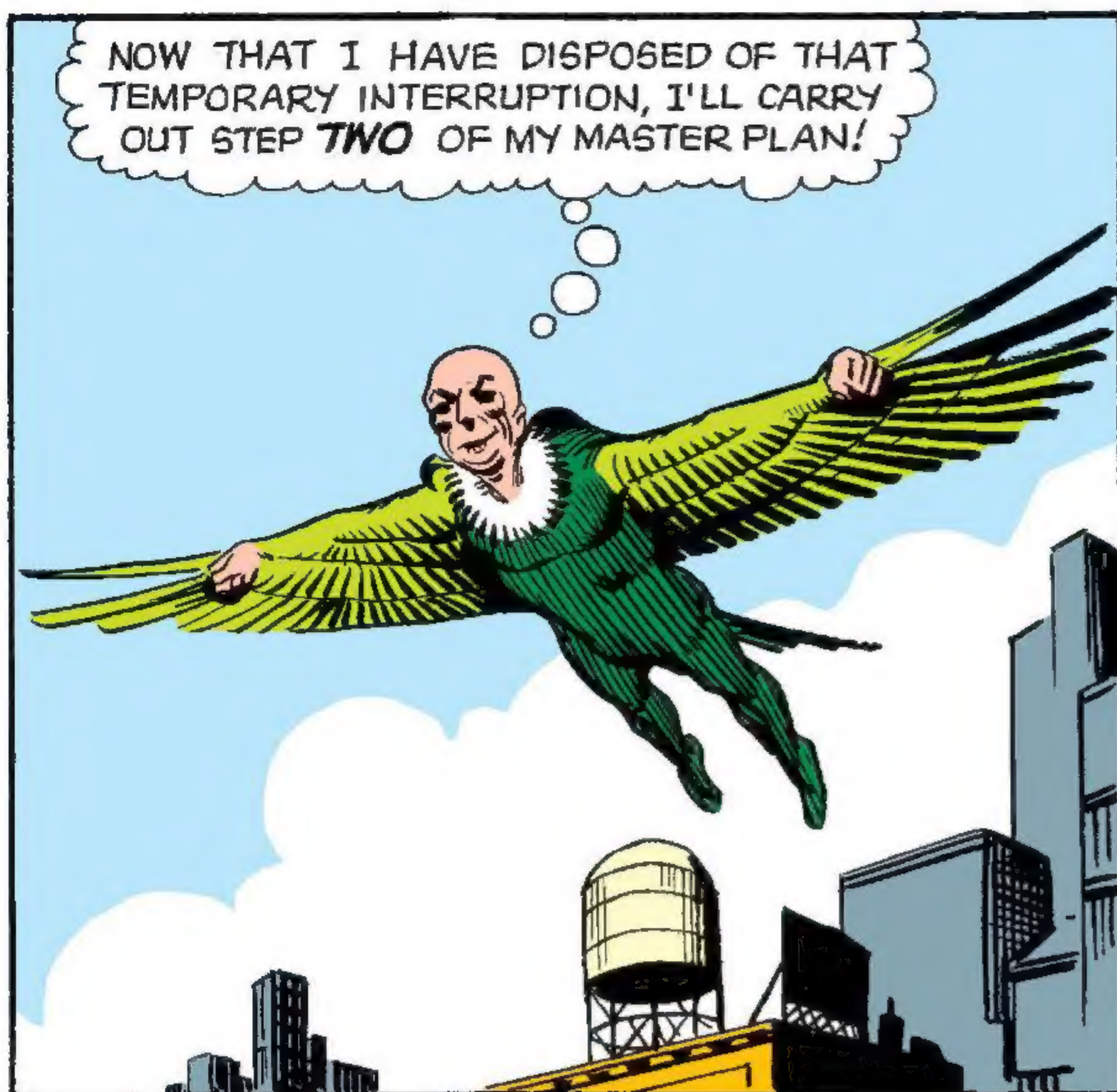
NOT NOTICING THE POWERFUL FIGURE ON THE ROOF TOP, **THE VULTURE** SWEEPS PAST...





BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS TO GET A CLOSE-UP PICTURE OF **THE VULTURE**, **SPIDER-MAN** CARELESSLY KICKS A LOOSE BRICK...





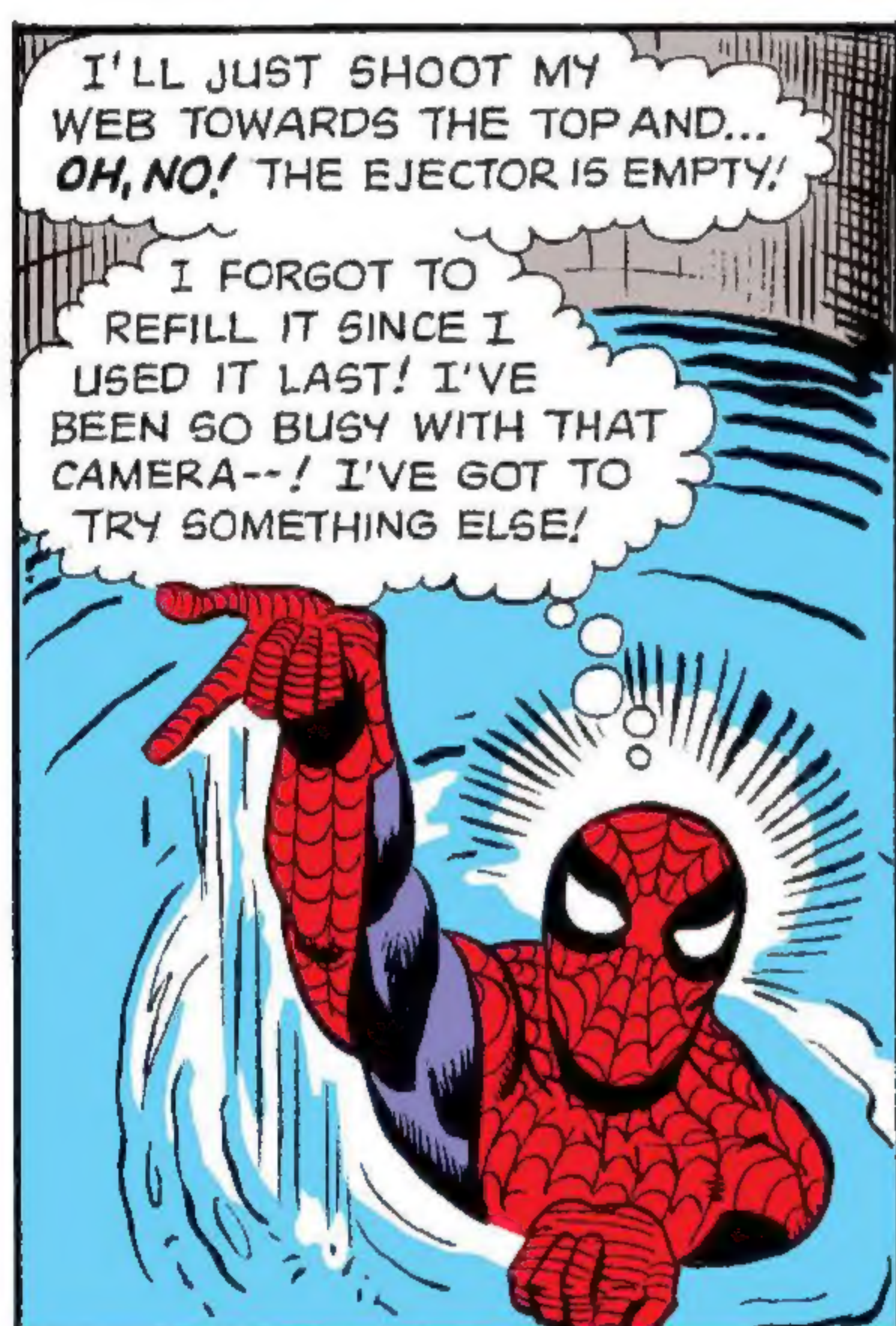
NOW THAT I HAVE DISPOSED OF THAT TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION, I'LL CARRY OUT STEP **TWO** OF MY MASTER PLAN!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE TANK, THE SHOCK OF HITTING THE COLD WATER INSTANTLY REVIVES THE POWERFUL **SPIDER-MAN**...



THE VULTURE
SOMEHOW TRAPPED ME INSIDE THIS WATER TANK!

WELL, I'VE ONLY MYSELF TO BLAME FOR BEING SO CARELESS!



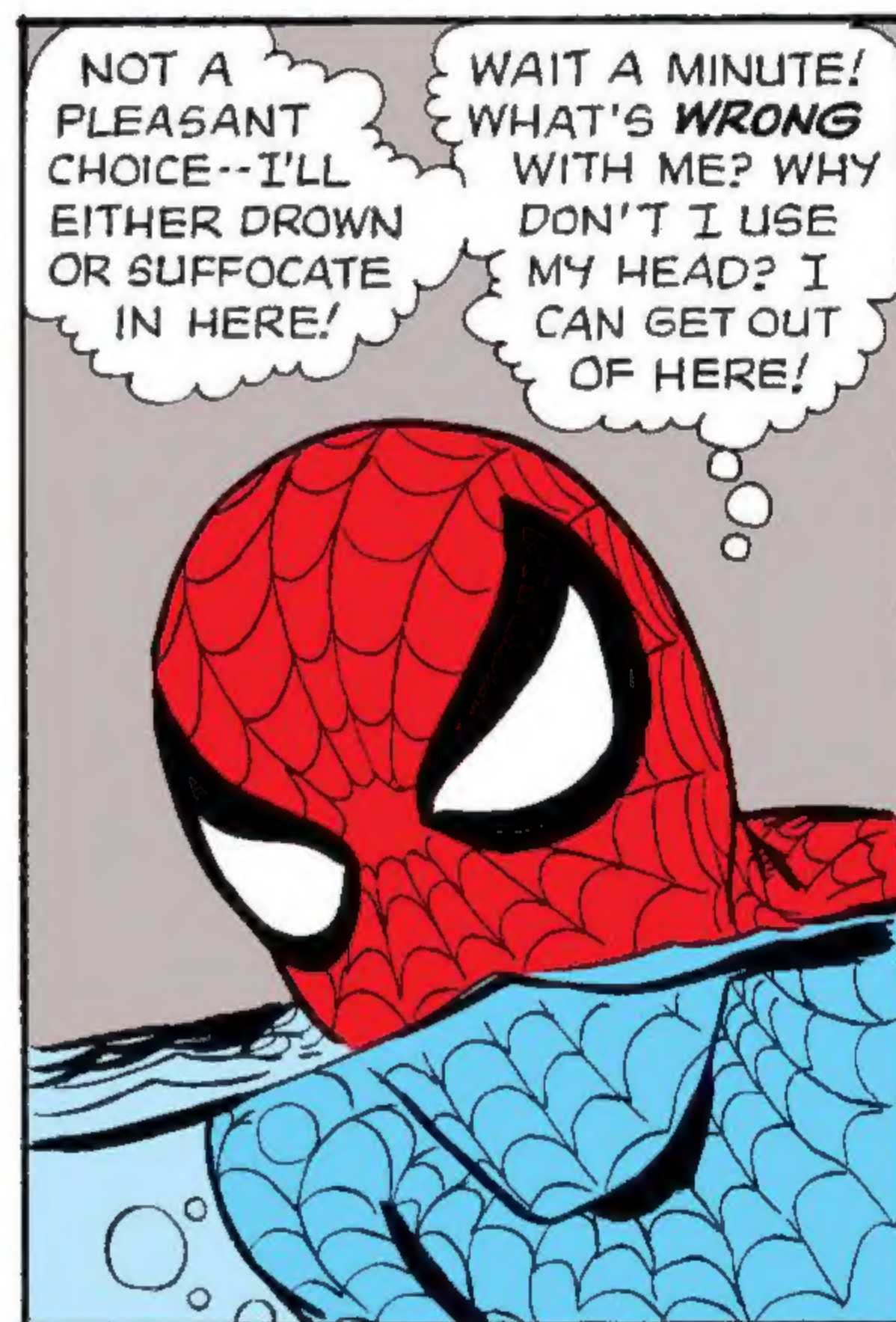
I'LL JUST SHOOT MY WEB TOWARDS THE TOP AND...
OH, NO! THE EJECTOR IS EMPTY!

I FORGOT TO REFILL IT SINCE I USED IT LAST! I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WITH THAT CAMERA--! I'VE GOT TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE!



CAN'T CLIMB TO THE TOP--IT'S TOO WET AND SLIMY EVEN FOR **ME** TO GET A TOEHOOLD ON!

BUT I SURE AS SHOOTING CAN'T STAY AFLOAT HERE MUCH LONGER!

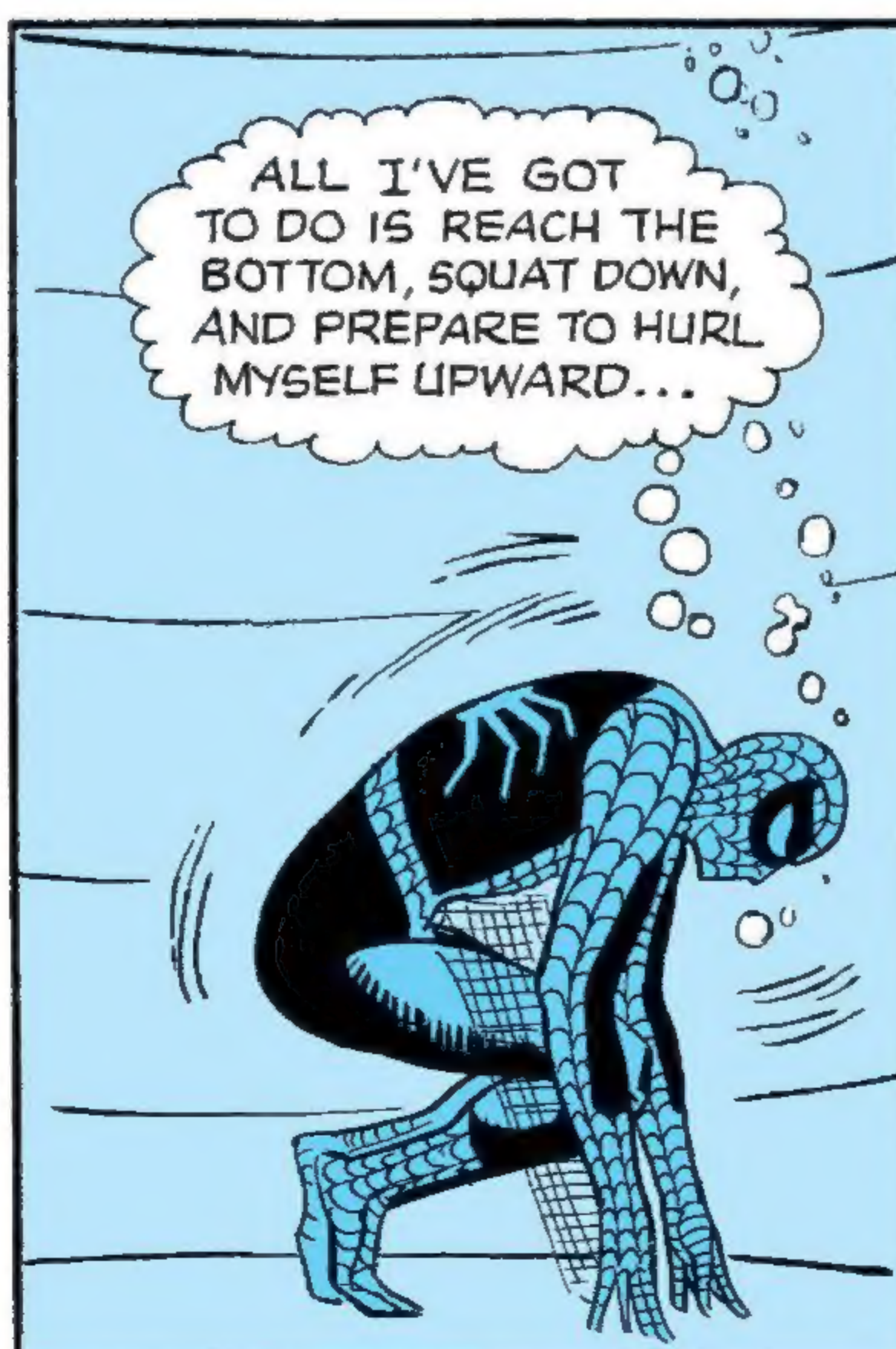


NOT A PLEASANT CHOICE--I'LL EITHER DROWN OR SUFFOCATE IN HERE!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH ME? WHY DON'T I USE MY HEAD? I CAN GET OUT OF HERE!



MY MUSCLES ARE FAR STRONGER THAN AN ORDINARY HUMAN'S! THERE'S ONE LITTLE TRICK THAT ONLY THE **SPIDER-MAN** CAN PERFORM!



ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS REACH THE BOTTOM, SQUAT DOWN, AND PREPARE TO HURL MYSELF UPWARD...

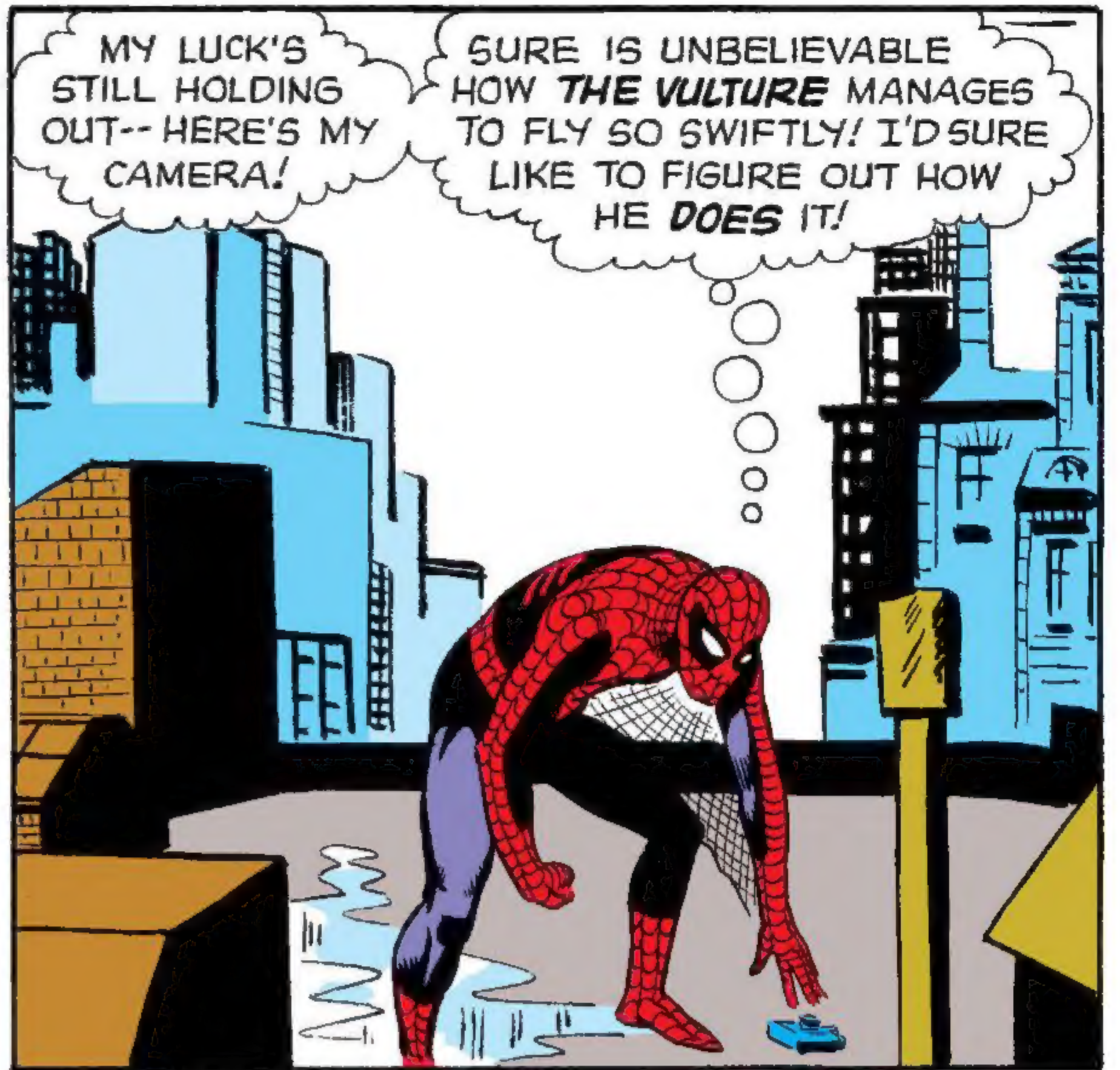


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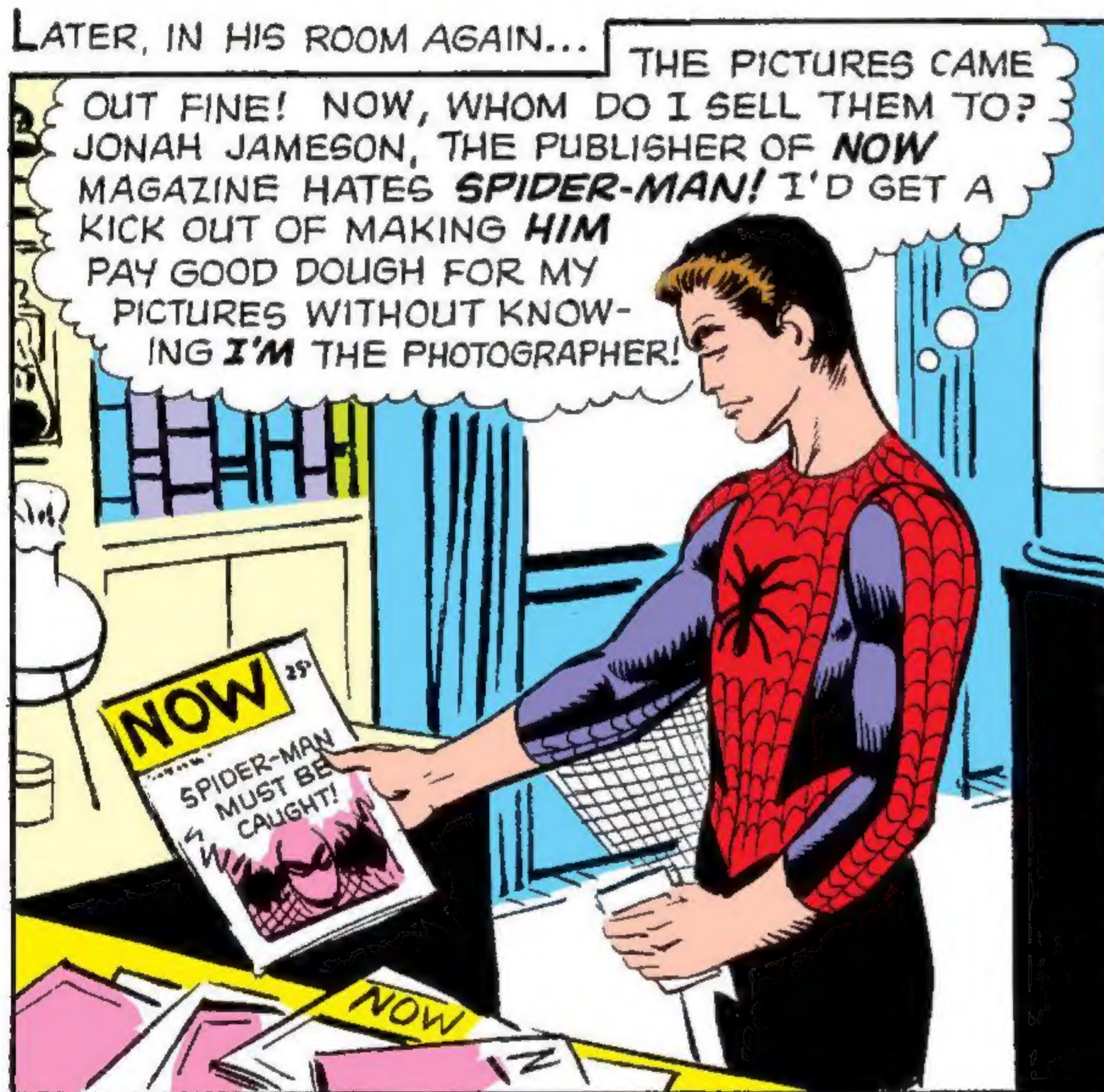
DID IT!!

I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FLY LIKE **THE VULTURE**-- BUT MY SPIDER STRENGTH HASN'T LET ME DOWN YET!



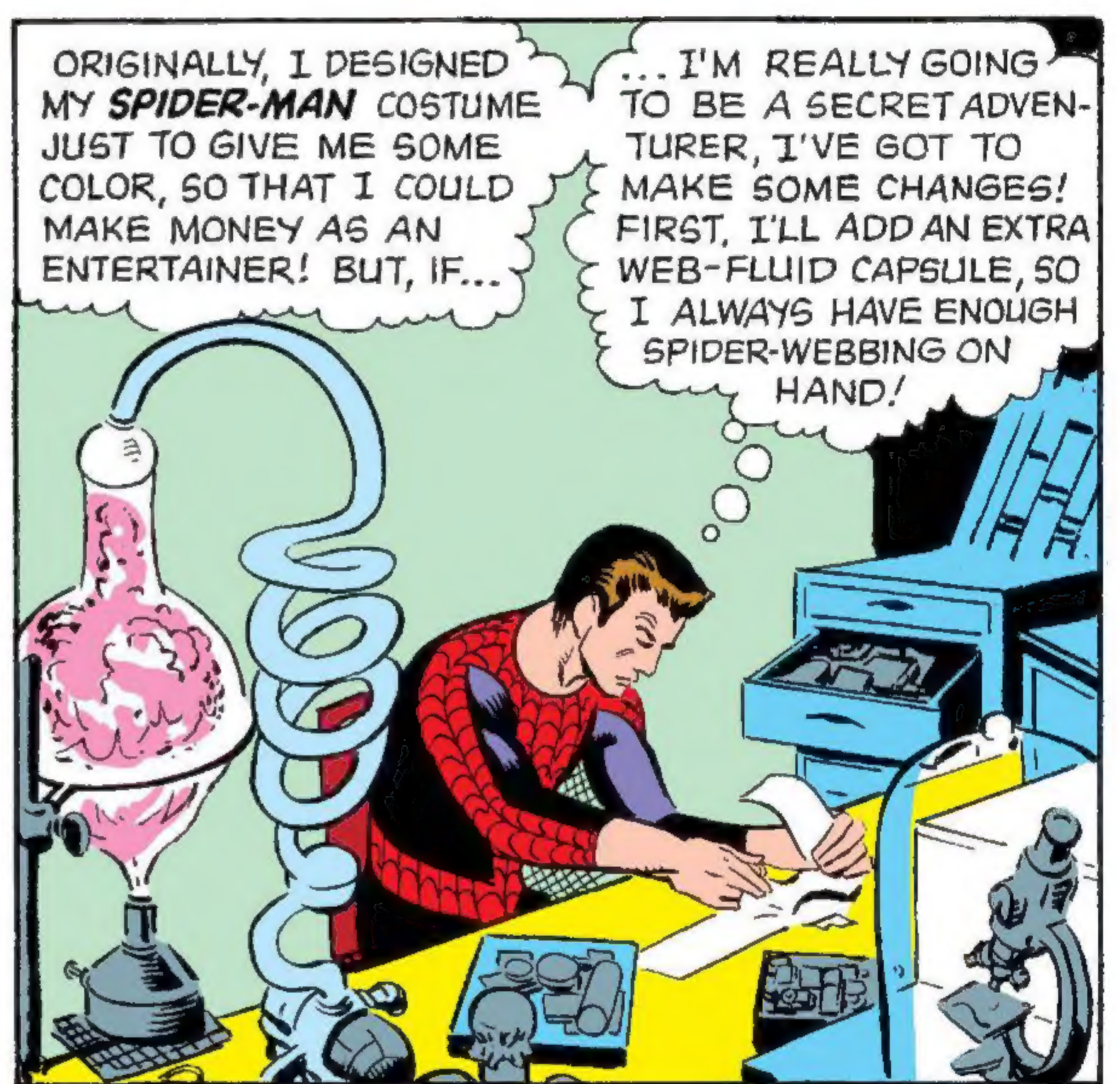
MY LUCK'S STILL HOLDING OUT-- HERE'S MY CAMERA!

SURE IS UNBELIEVABLE HOW **THE VULTURE** MANAGES TO FLY SO SWIFTLY! I'D SURE LIKE TO FIGURE OUT HOW HE **DOES IT**!



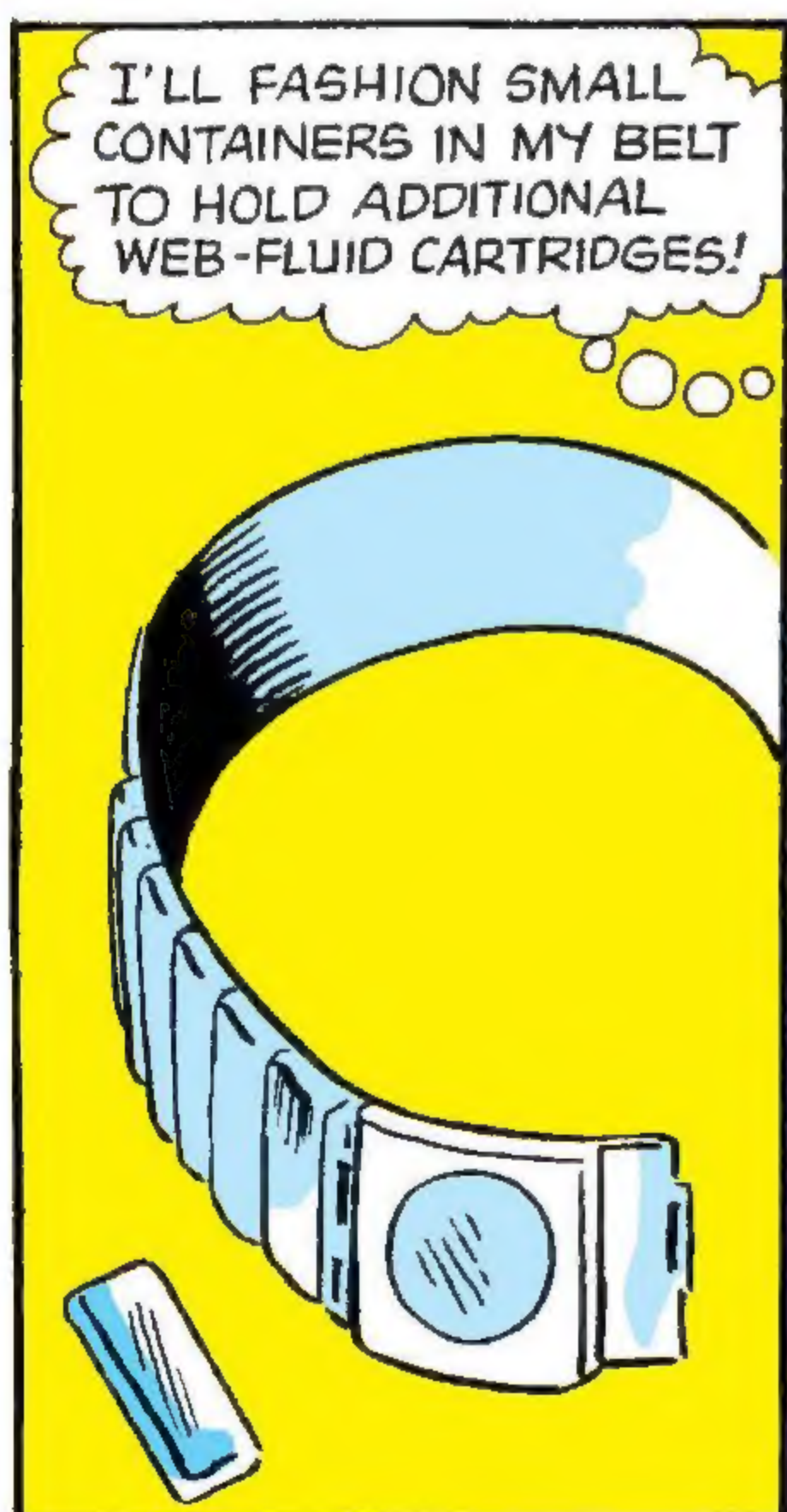
LATER, IN HIS ROOM AGAIN...

THE PICTURES CAME OUT FINE! NOW, WHOM DO I SELL THEM TO? JONAH JAMESON, THE PUBLISHER OF **NOW** MAGAZINE HATES **SPIDER-MAN**! I'D GET A KICK OUT OF MAKING **HIM** PAY GOOD DOUGH FOR MY PICTURES WITHOUT KNOWING **I'M** THE PHOTOGRAPHER!



ORIGINALLY, I DESIGNED MY **SPIDER-MAN** COSTUME JUST TO GIVE ME SOME COLOR, SO THAT I COULD MAKE MONEY AS AN ENTERTAINER! BUT, IF...

... I'M REALLY GOING TO BE A SECRET ADVENTURER, I'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME CHANGES! FIRST, I'LL ADD AN EXTRA WEB-FLUID CAPSULE, SO I ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH SPIDER-WEBBING ON HAND!



I'LL FASHION SMALL CONTAINERS IN MY BELT TO HOLD ADDITIONAL WEB-FLUID CARTRIDGES!



THEN, WHEN I GET PAID FOR MY PICTURES, I'LL BUY A SPECIAL MINIATURE CAMERA TO SECRETLY ATTACH TO THE BELT BUCKLE!

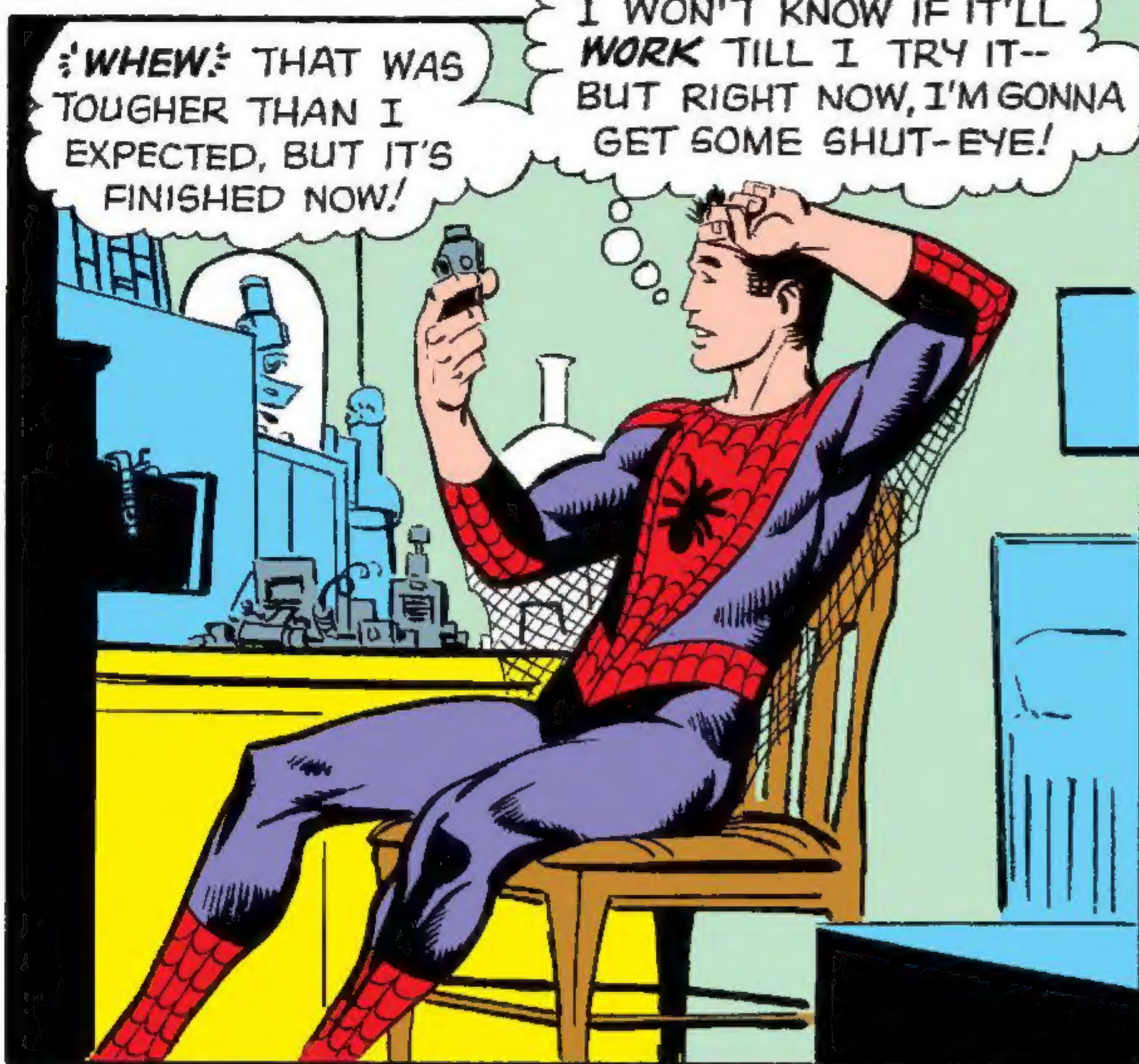


THERE! THE WHOLE CONTRAPTION FITS UNDER MY SHIRT, WHERE IT'S OUT OF SIGHT, AND DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH MY MOVEMENTS!



AND NOW, I'VE GOT A HUNCH I KNOW THE SECRET OF **THE VULTURE'S** POWER OF FLIGHT! I'LL JUST WORK ON A LITTLE DEVICE WHICH MAY COME IN HANDY NEXT TIME WE MEET!

LONG HOURS LATER...



'WHEW' THAT WAS TOUGHER THAN I EXPECTED, BUT IT'S FINISHED NOW!

I WON'T KNOW IF IT'LL WORK TILL I TRY IT-- BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M GONNA GET SOME SHUT-EYE!

THE NEXT DAY, J. JONAH JAMESON RECEIVES AN EXCITING PHONE CALL...



WHAT'S THAT?? YOU'VE GOT SOME EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF **THE VULTURE** THAT YOU WANT TO SELL?? WELL, DON'T WASTE TIME **TALKING!** GET OVER HERE RIGHT AWAY!

JOE, HAVE THEM STOP THE PRESSES!

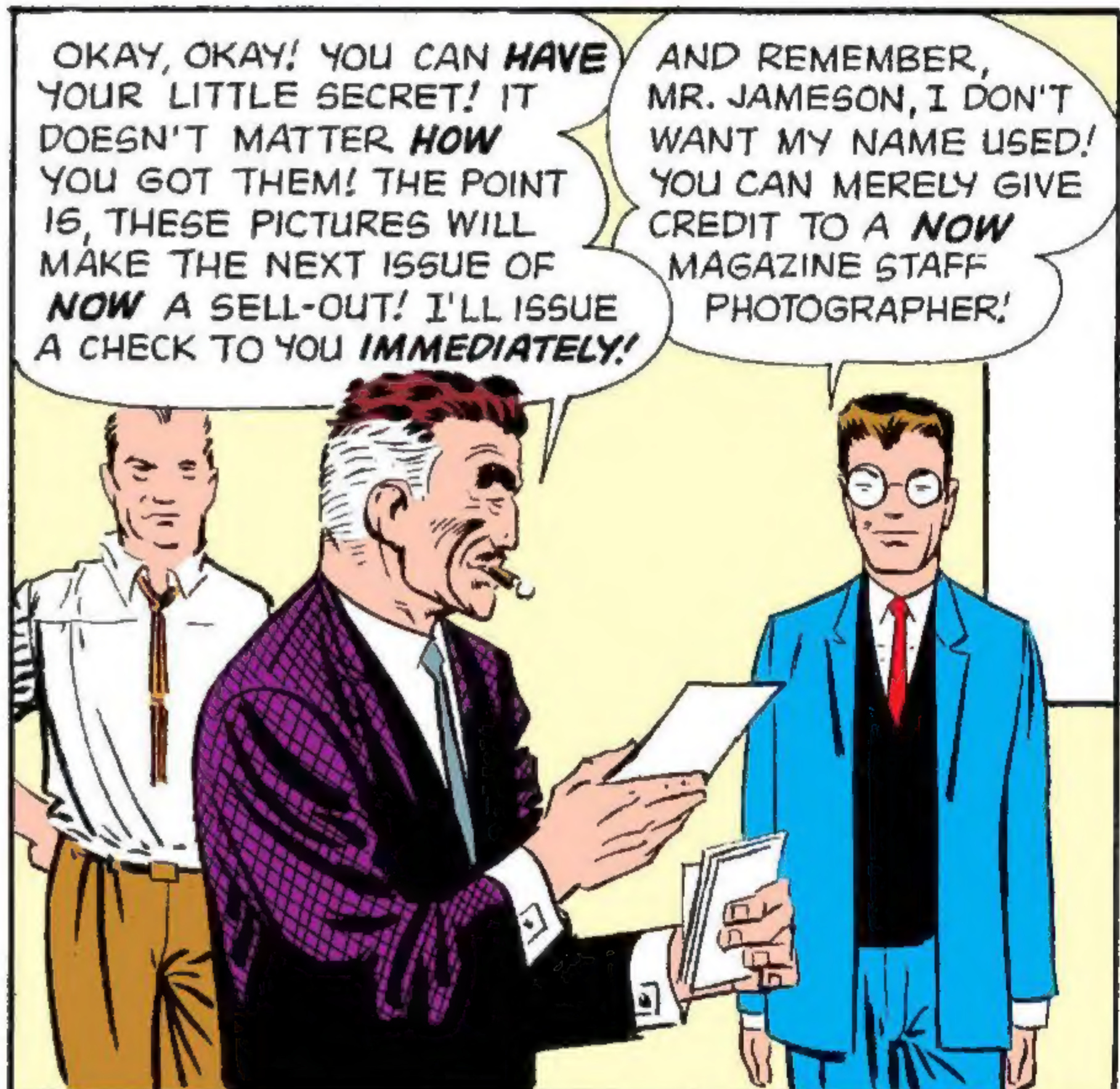
AND SOON...



SORRY, MR. JAMESON CANNOT SEE **ANYBODY** RIGHT NOW! HE'S HAVING AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE!

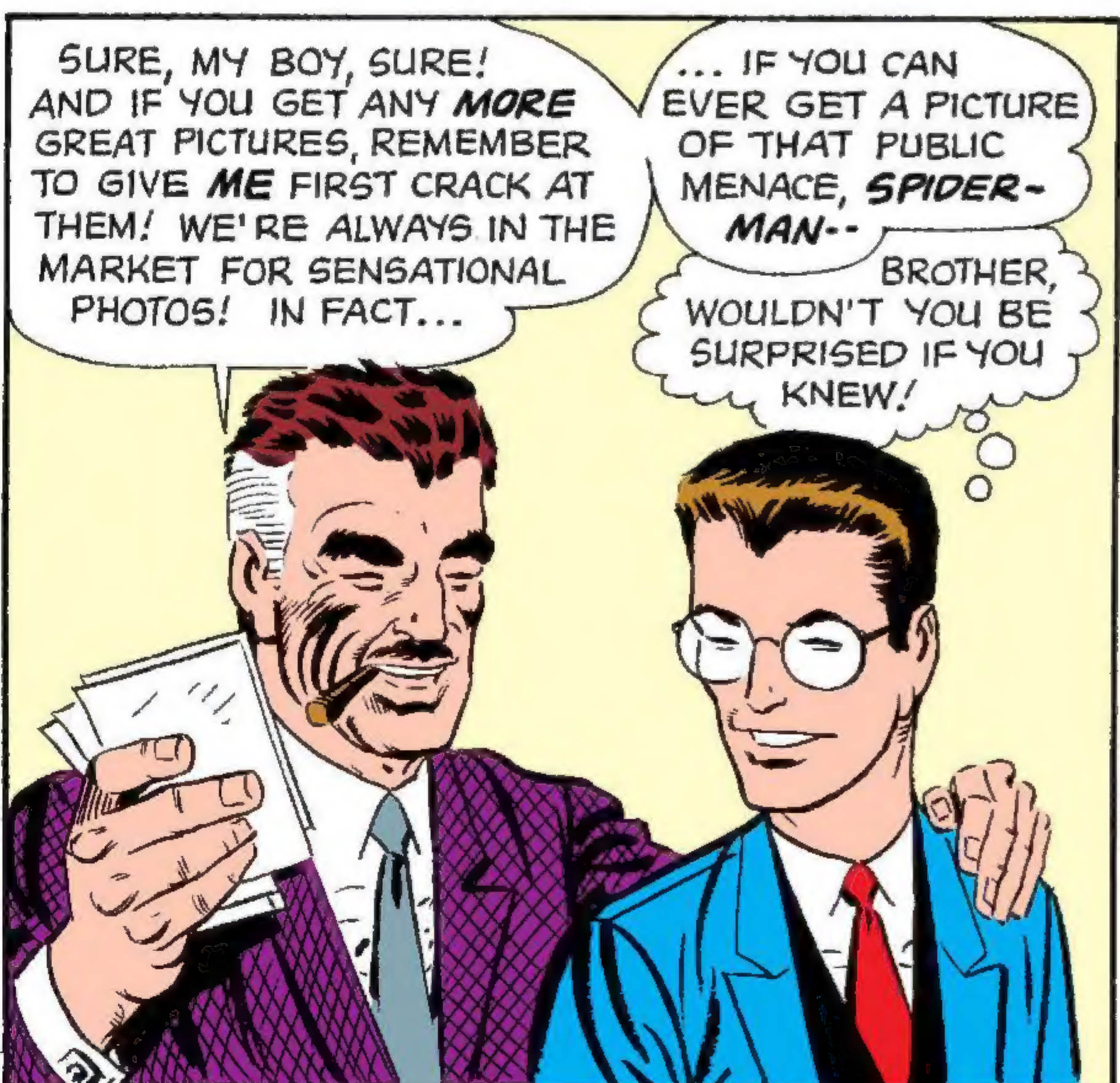
THESE PICTURES ARE **SENSATIONAL-- GREAT!** BUT HOW'D A KID LIKE **YOU** GET THEM?

SORRY, SIR! I'LL SELL THEM TO YOU ON CONDITION THAT YOU NEVER ASK ME THAT QUESTION!



OKAY, OKAY! YOU CAN **HAVE** YOUR LITTLE SECRET! IT DOESN'T MATTER **HOW** YOU GOT THEM! THE POINT IS, THESE PICTURES WILL MAKE THE NEXT ISSUE OF **NOW** A SELL-OUT! I'LL ISSUE A CHECK TO YOU **IMMEDIATELY!**

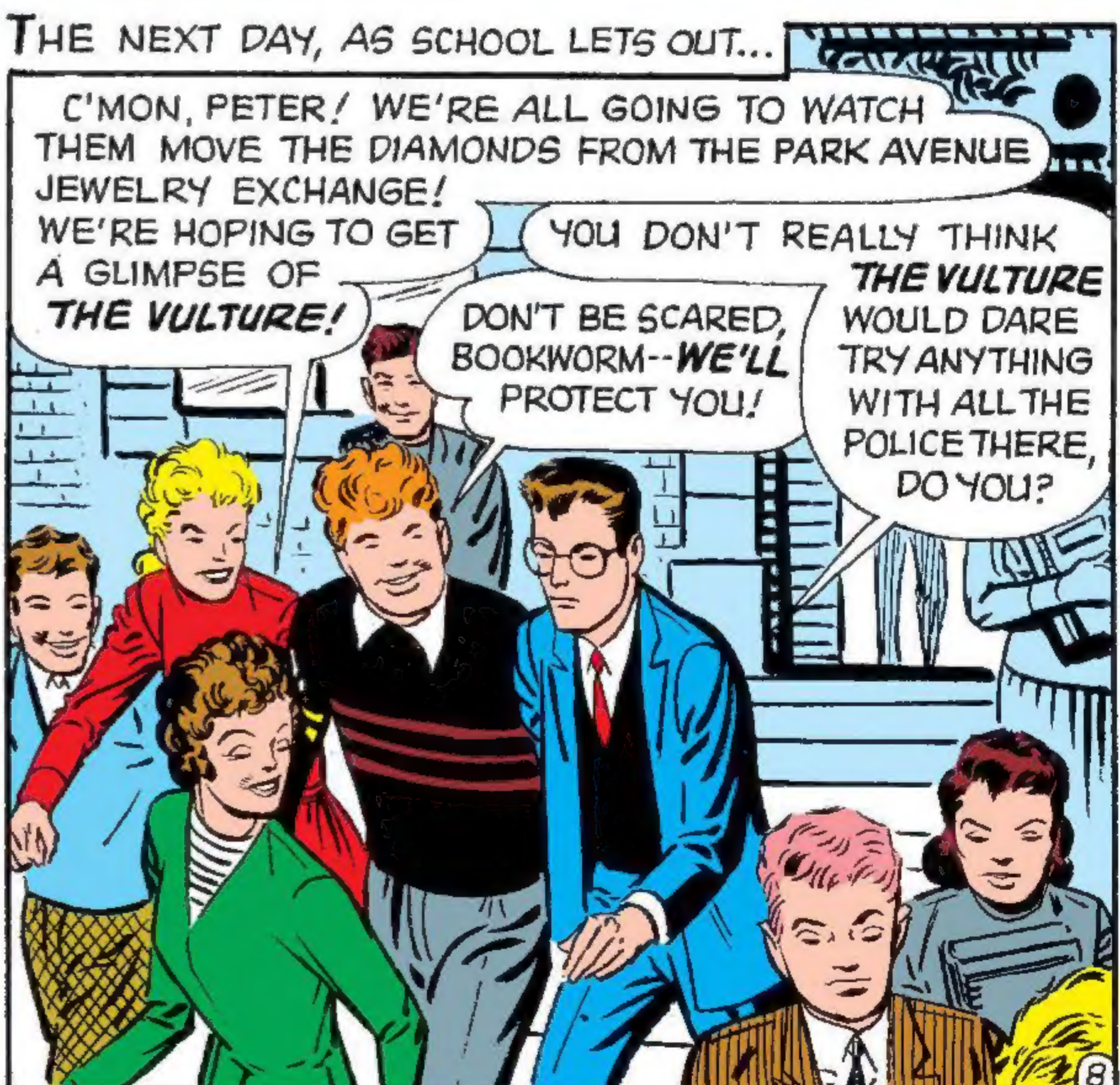
AND REMEMBER, MR. JAMESON, I DON'T WANT MY NAME USED! YOU CAN MERELY GIVE CREDIT TO A **NOW** MAGAZINE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER!



SURE, MY BOY, SURE! AND IF YOU GET ANY **MORE** GREAT PICTURES, REMEMBER TO GIVE **ME** FIRST CRACK AT THEM! WE'RE ALWAYS IN THE MARKET FOR SENSATIONAL PHOTOS! IN FACT...

... IF YOU CAN EVER GET A PICTURE OF THAT PUBLIC MENACE, **SPIDER-MAN--**

BROTHER, WOULDN'T YOU BE SURPRISED IF YOU KNEW!

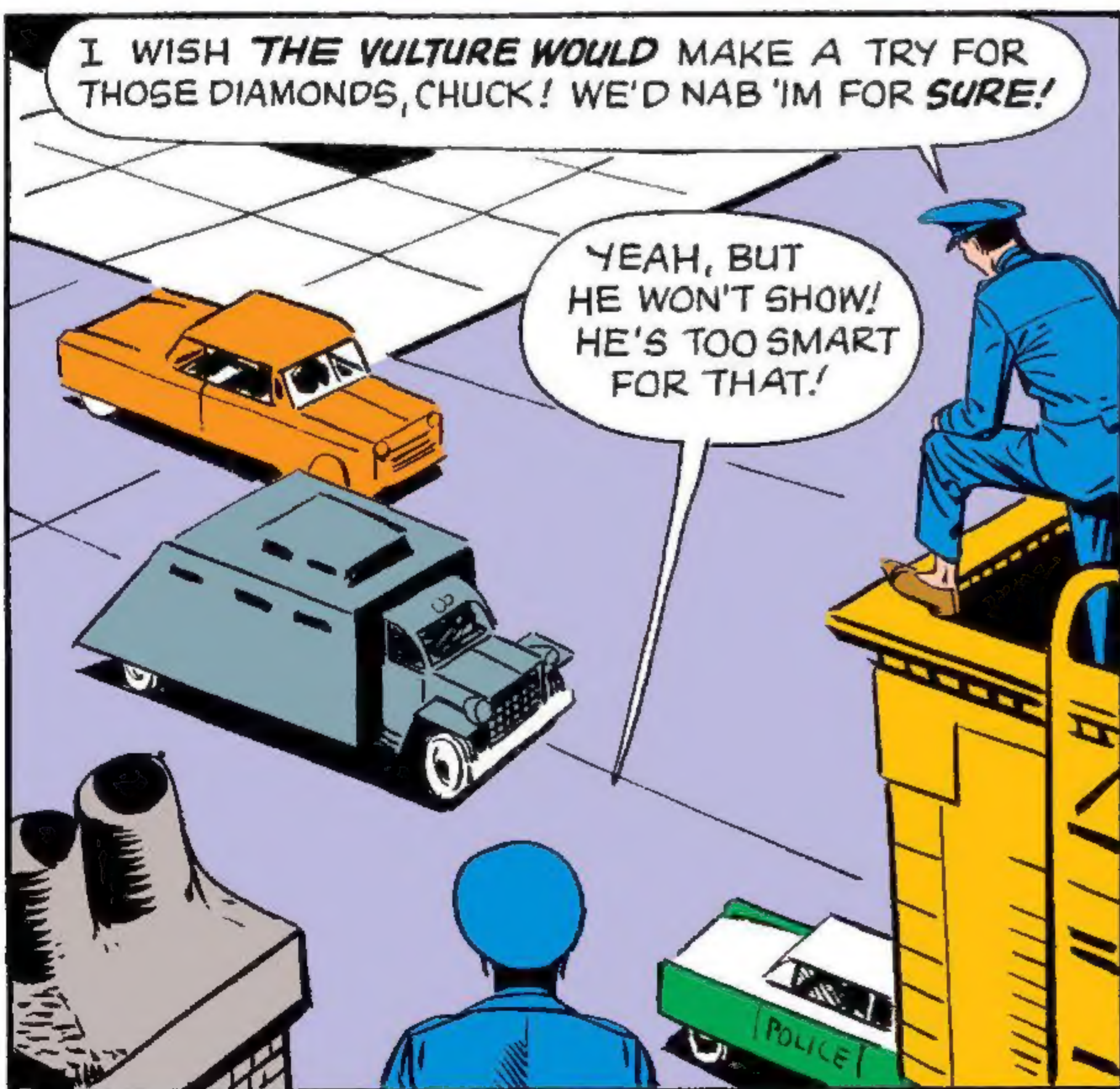
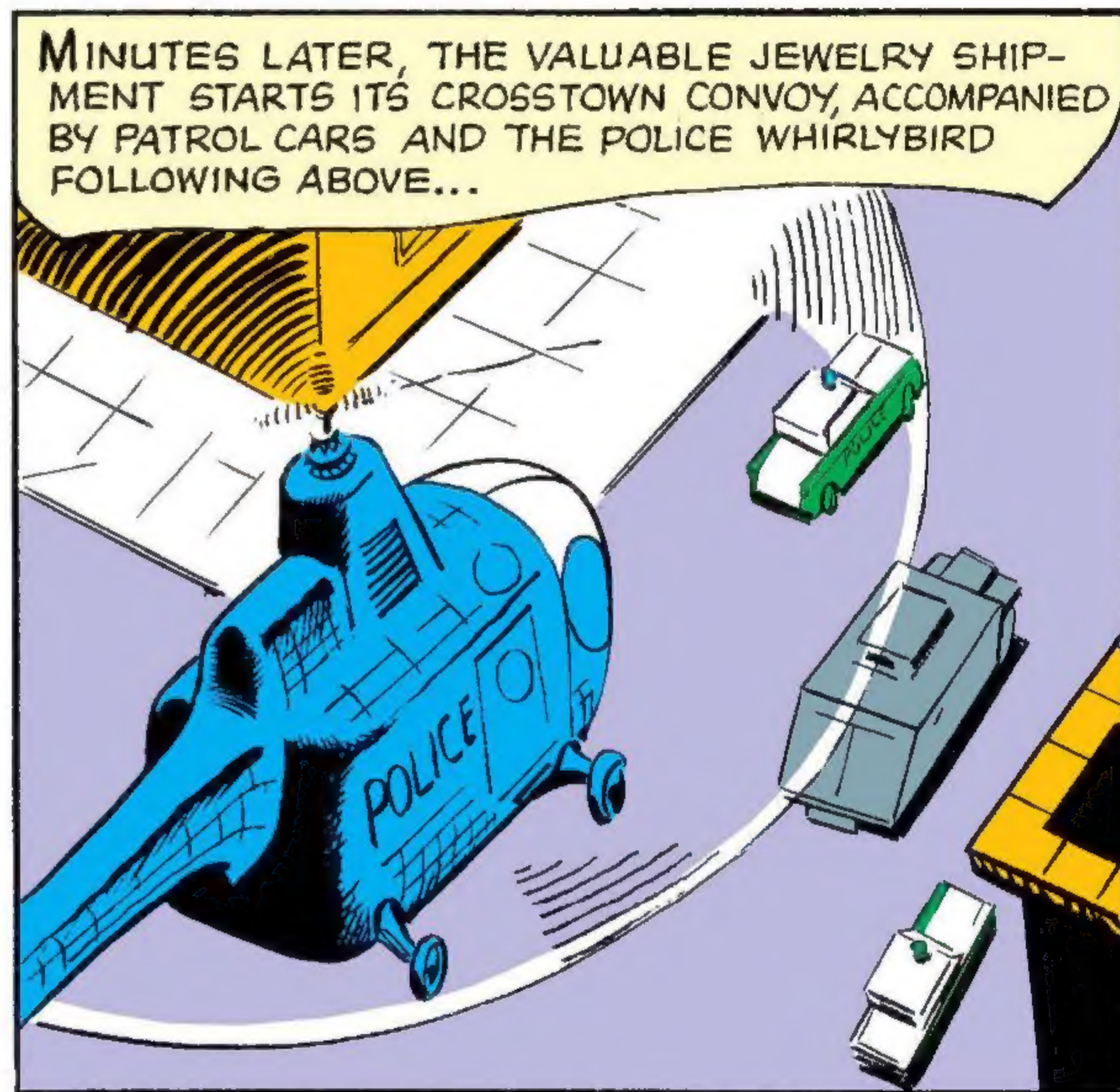
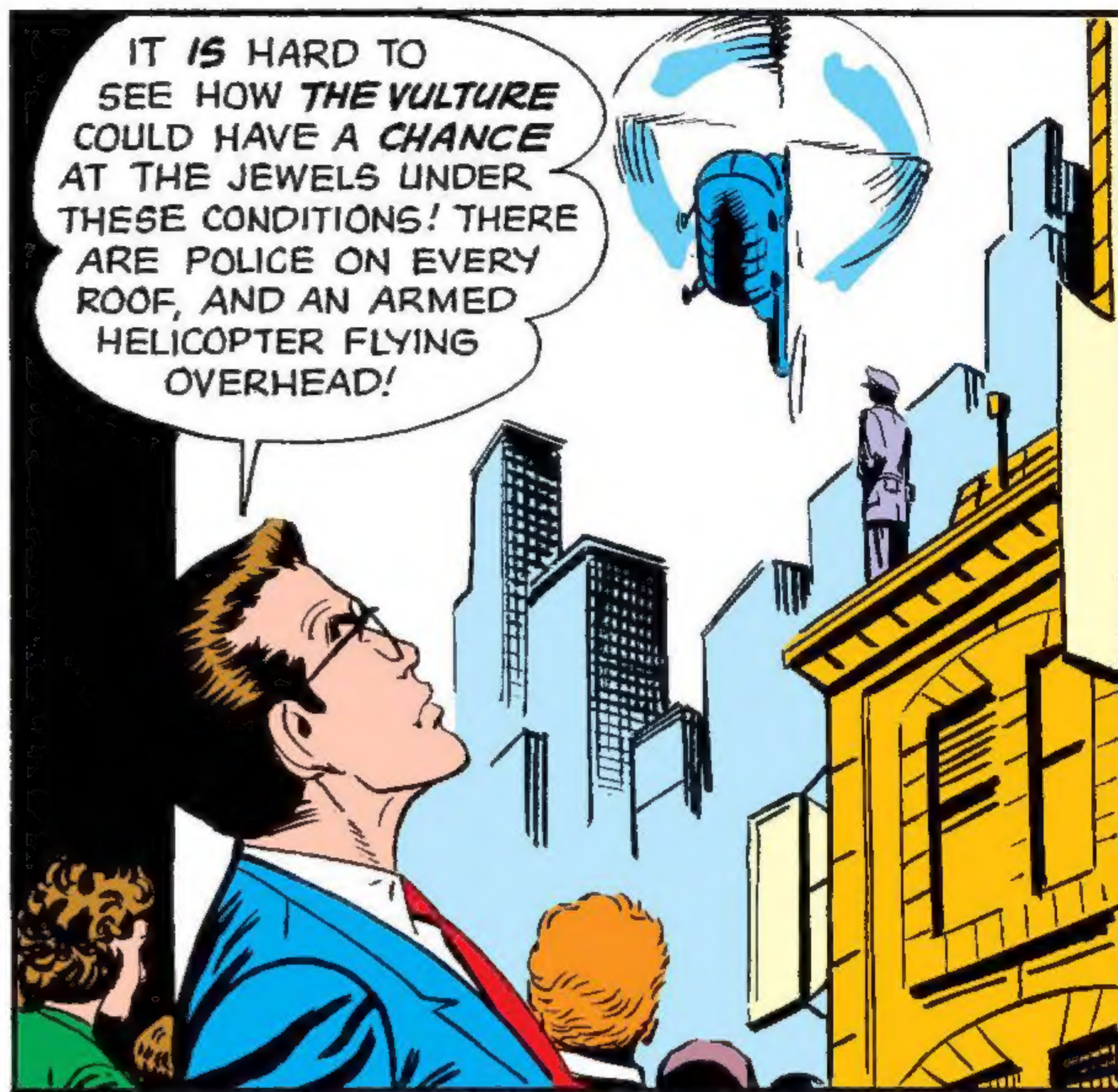
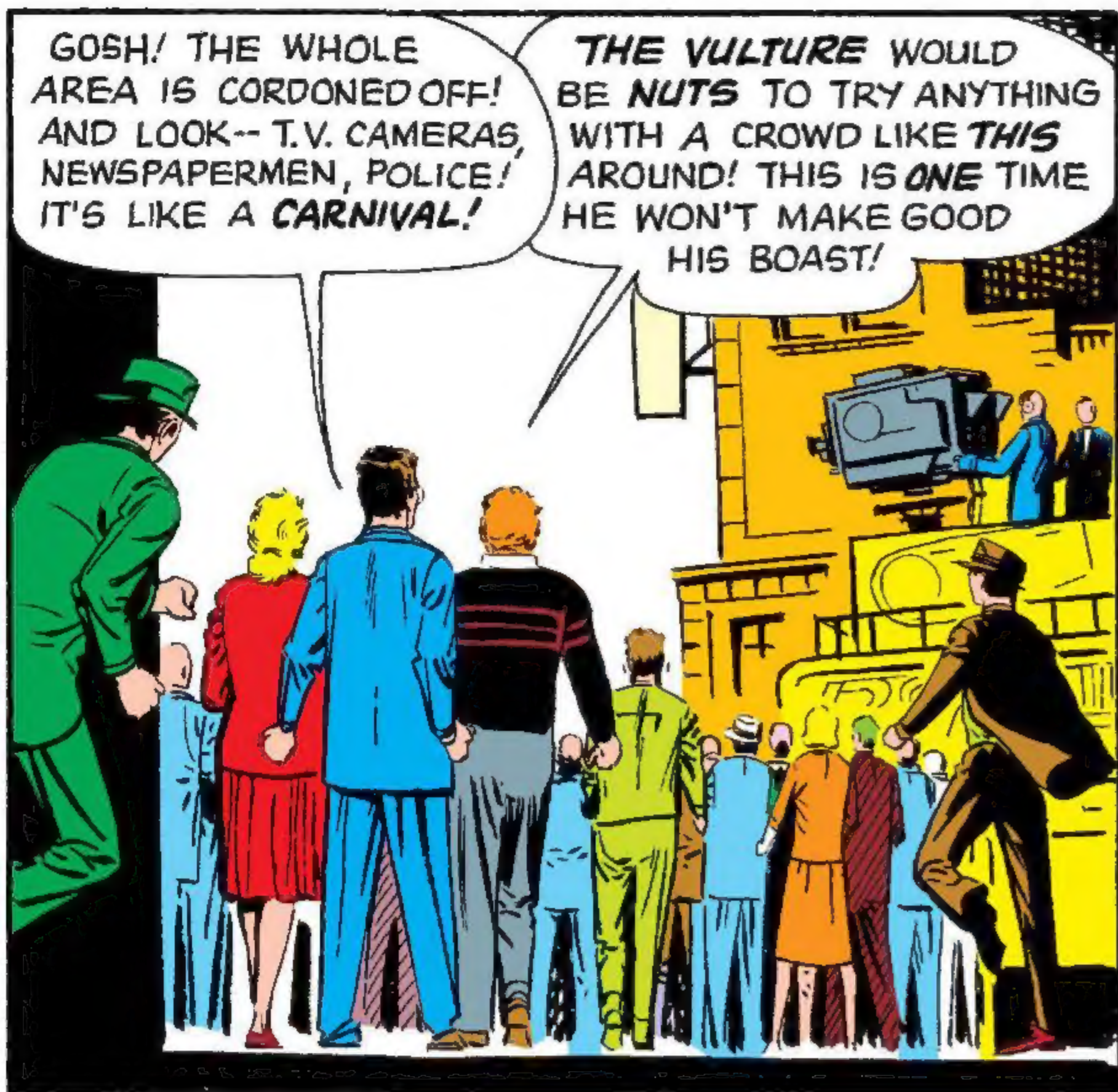


THE NEXT DAY, AS SCHOOL LETS OUT...

C'MON, PETER! WE'RE ALL GOING TO WATCH THEM MOVE THE DIAMONDS FROM THE PARK AVENUE JEWELRY EXCHANGE! WE'RE HOPING TO GET A GLIMPSE OF **THE VULTURE!**

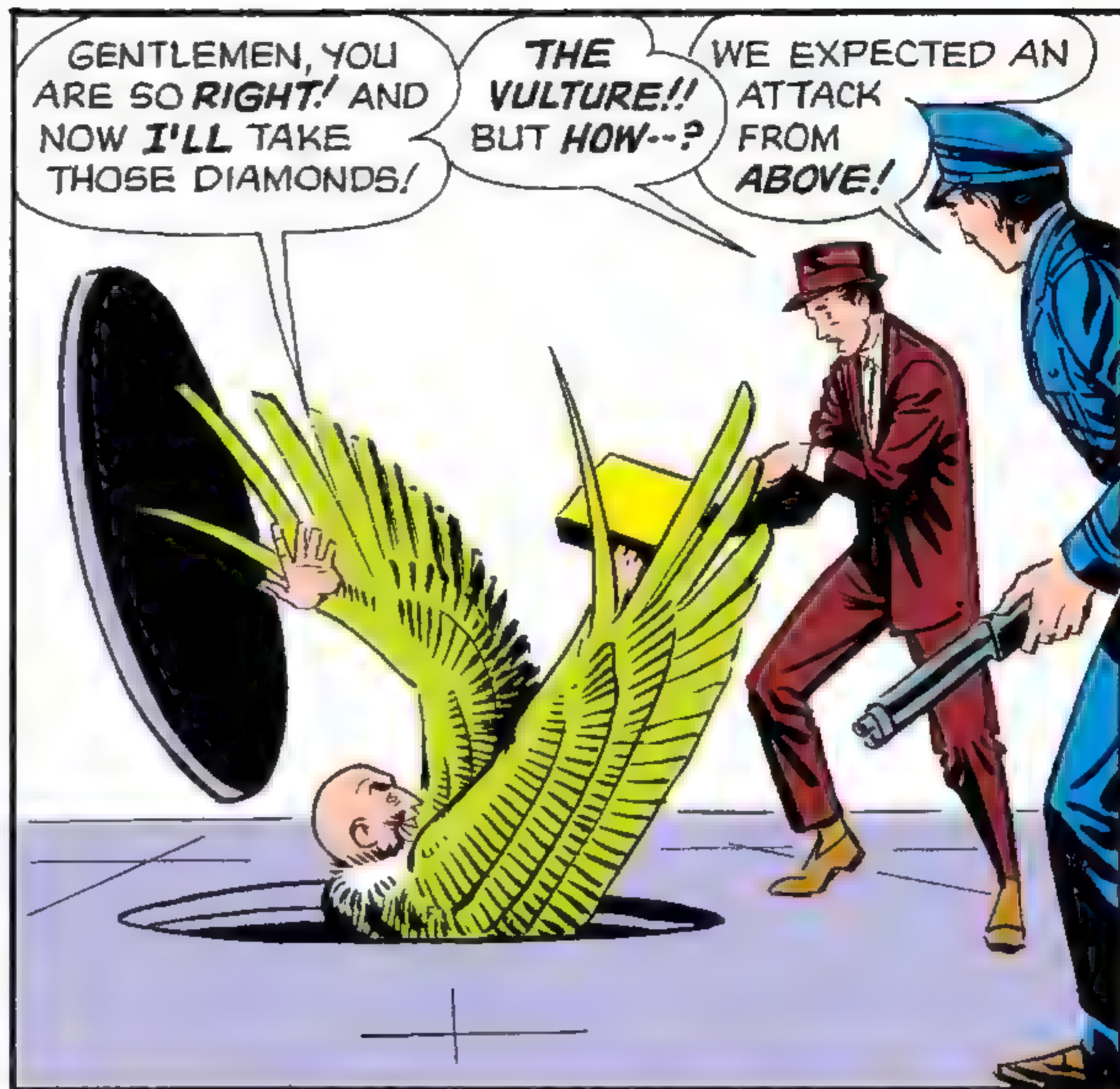
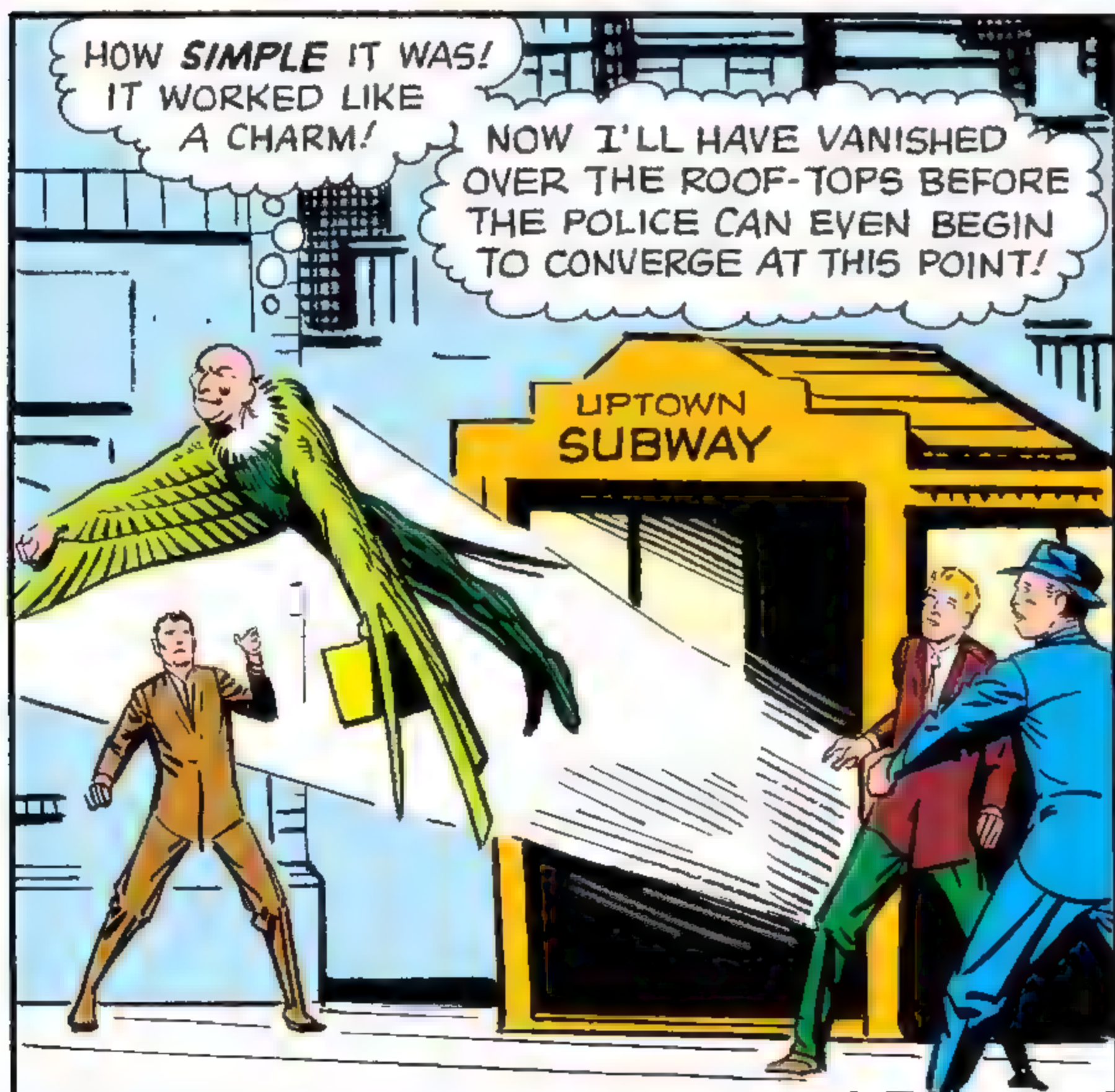
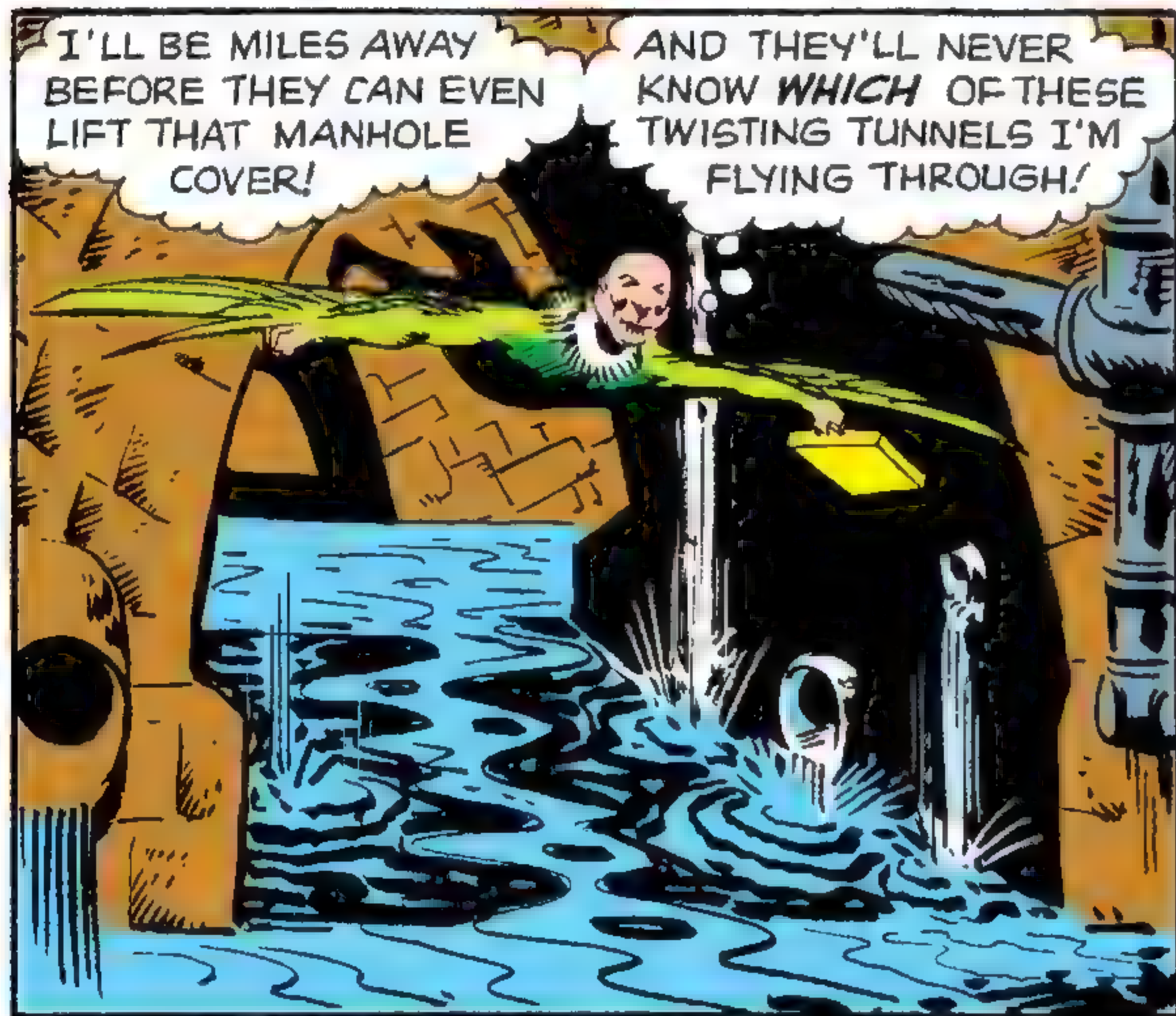
YOU DON'T REALLY THINK **THE VULTURE** WOULD DARE TRY ANYTHING WITH ALL THE POLICE THERE, DO YOU?

DON'T BE SCARED, BOOKWORM-- **WE'LL** PROTECT YOU!

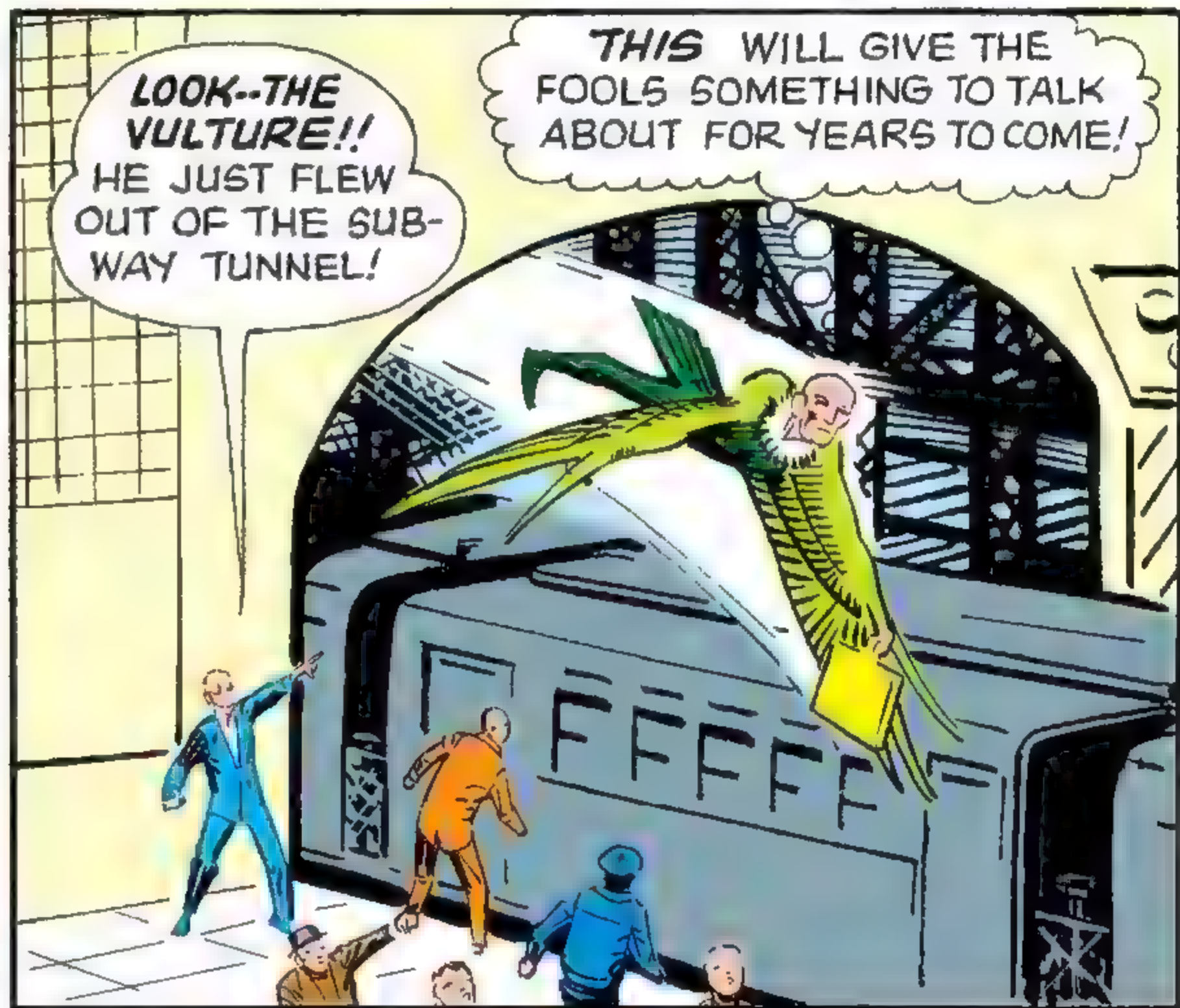




BEFORE THE STARTLED OFFICERS CAN FIRE, THE WILY **VULTURE** PLUMMETS BACK UNDERGROUND, DROPPING THE MANHOLE COVER INTO PLACE ABOVE HIM! THEN...

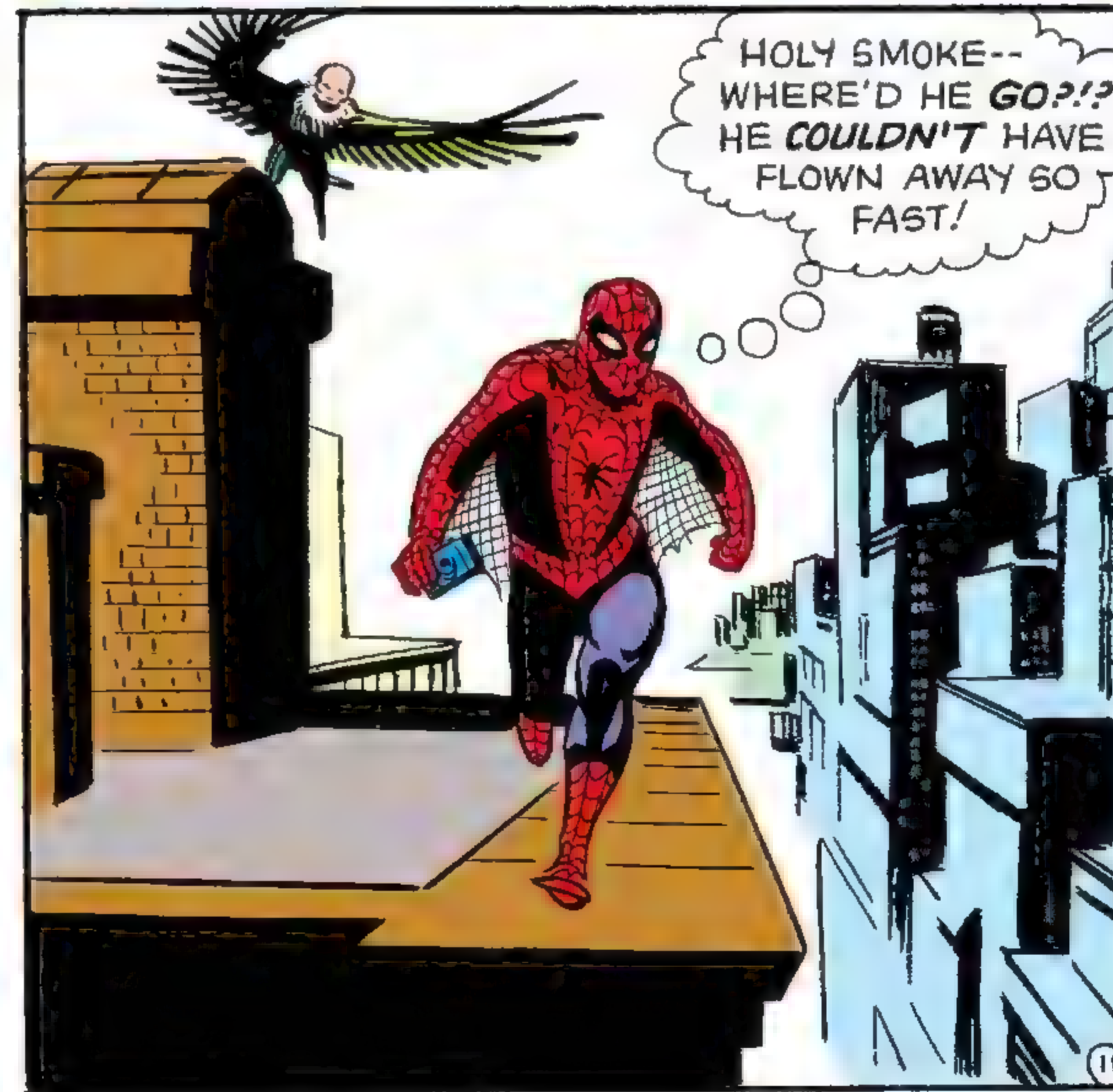
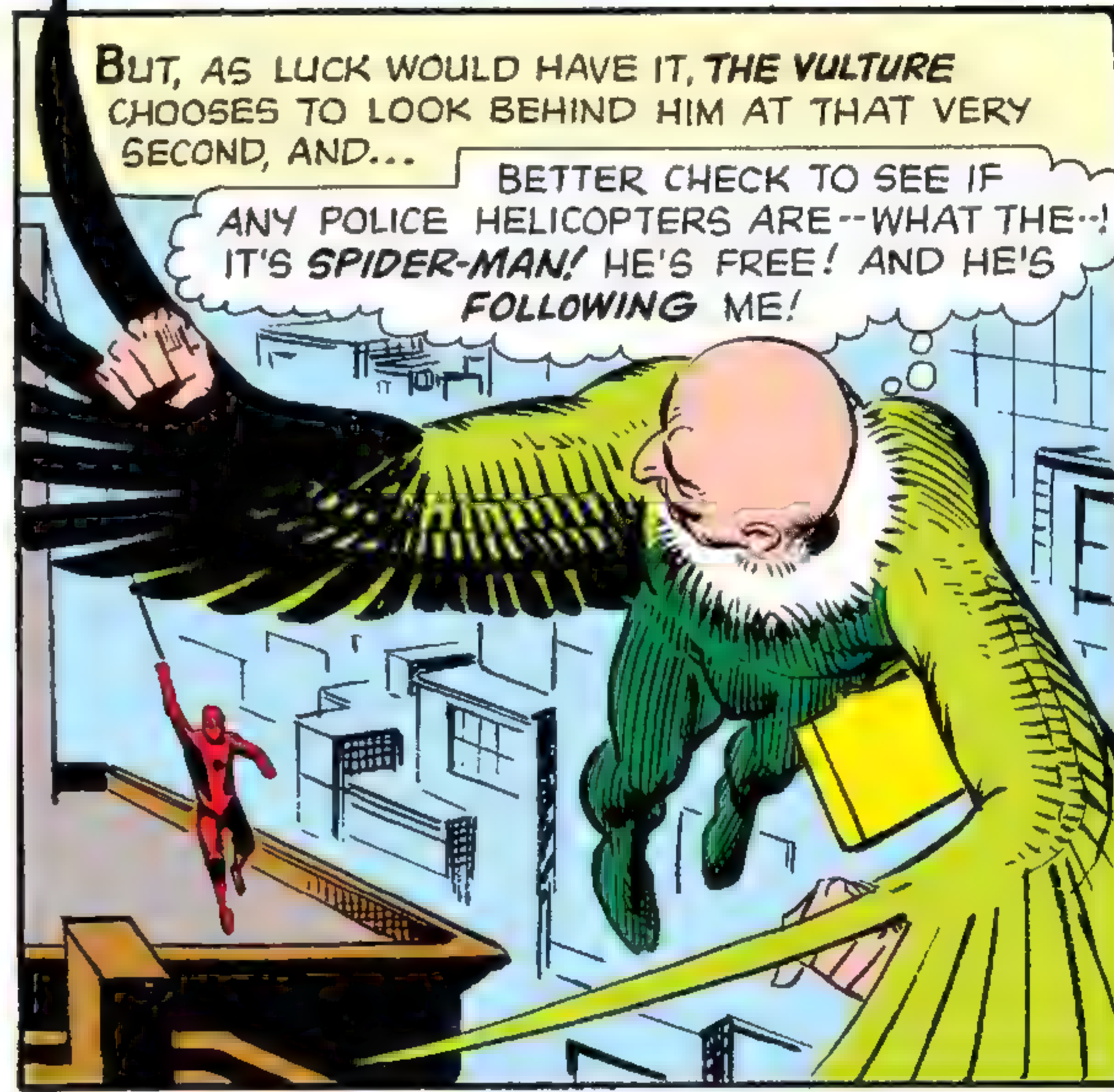


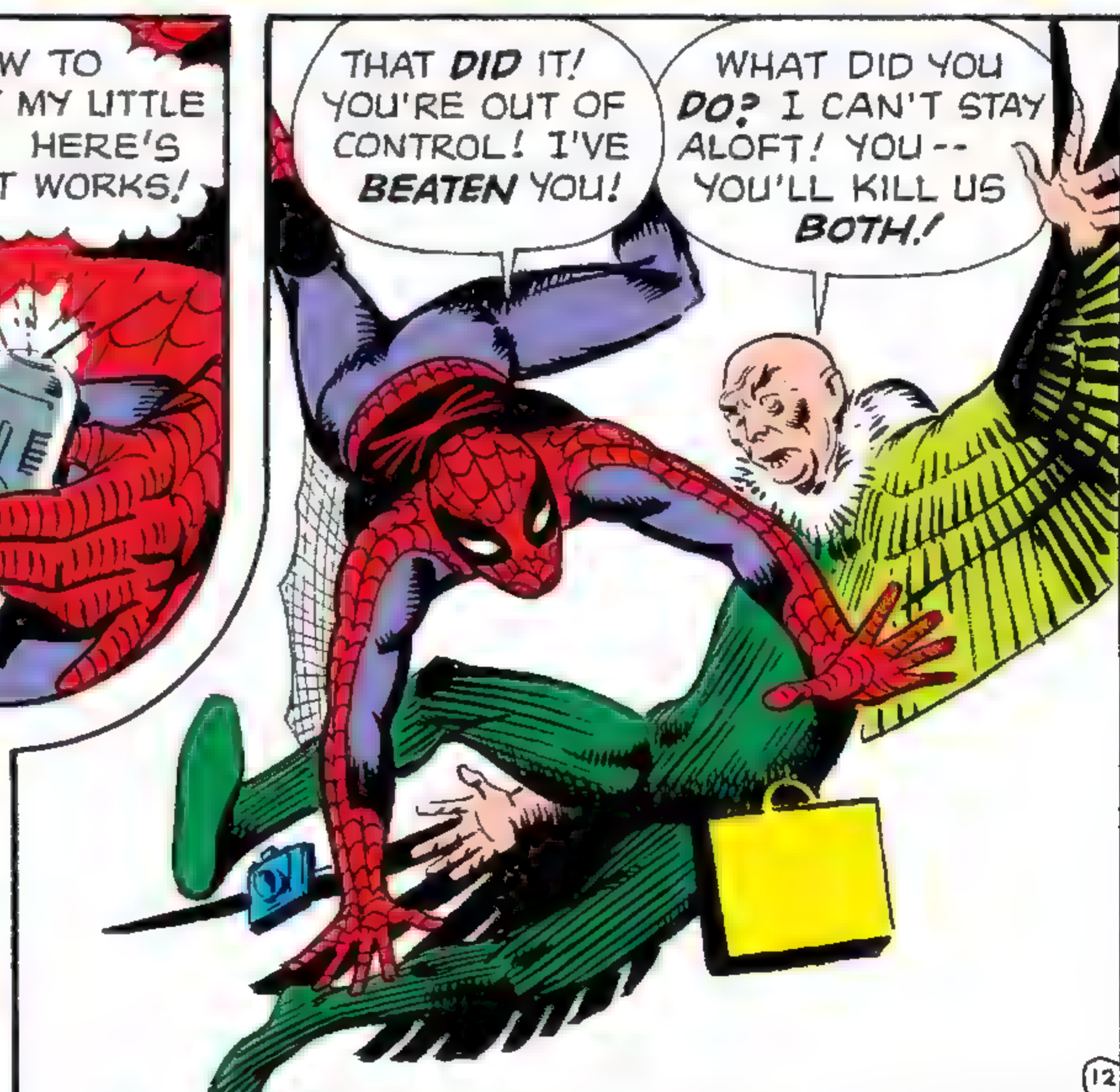
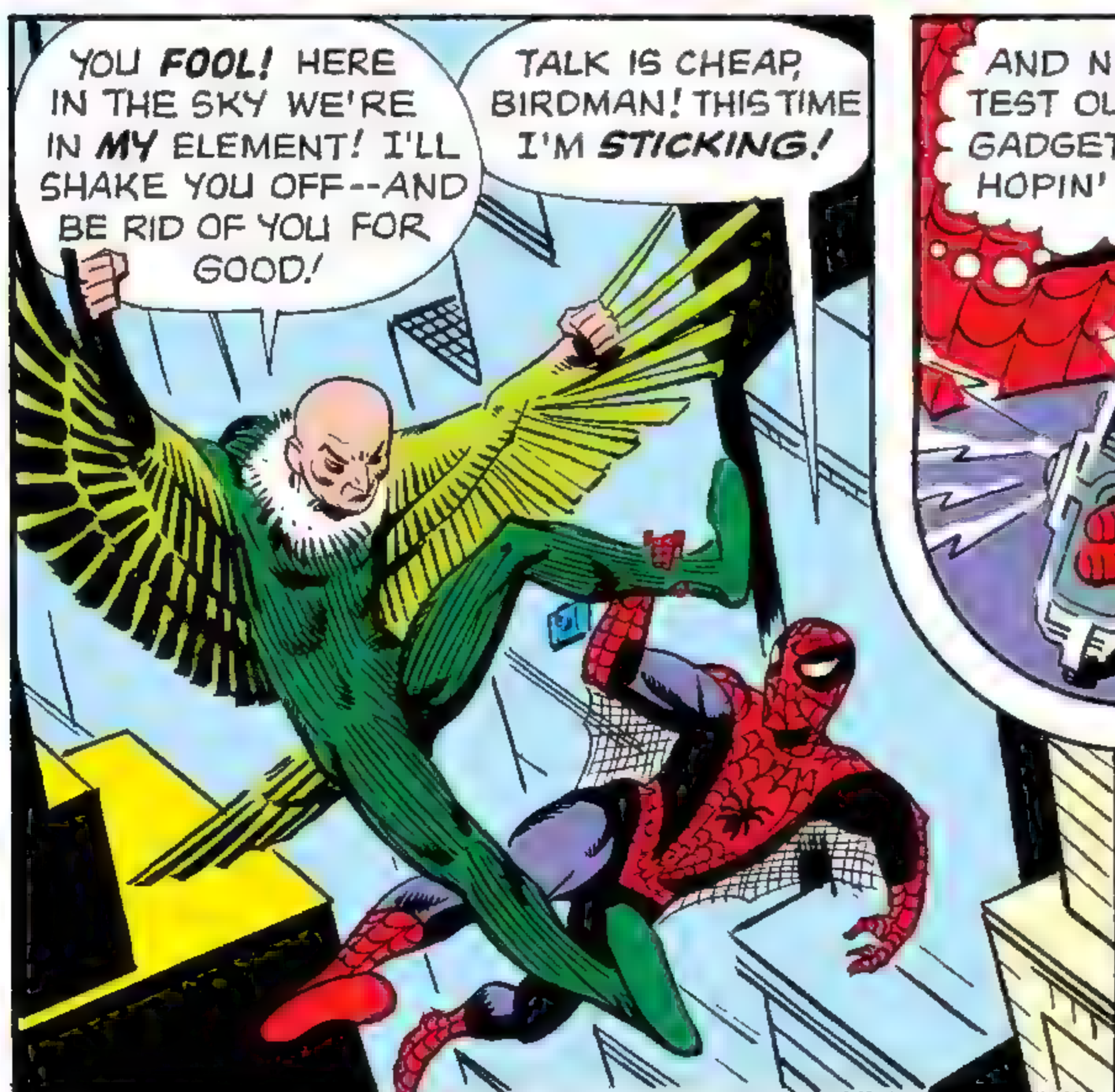
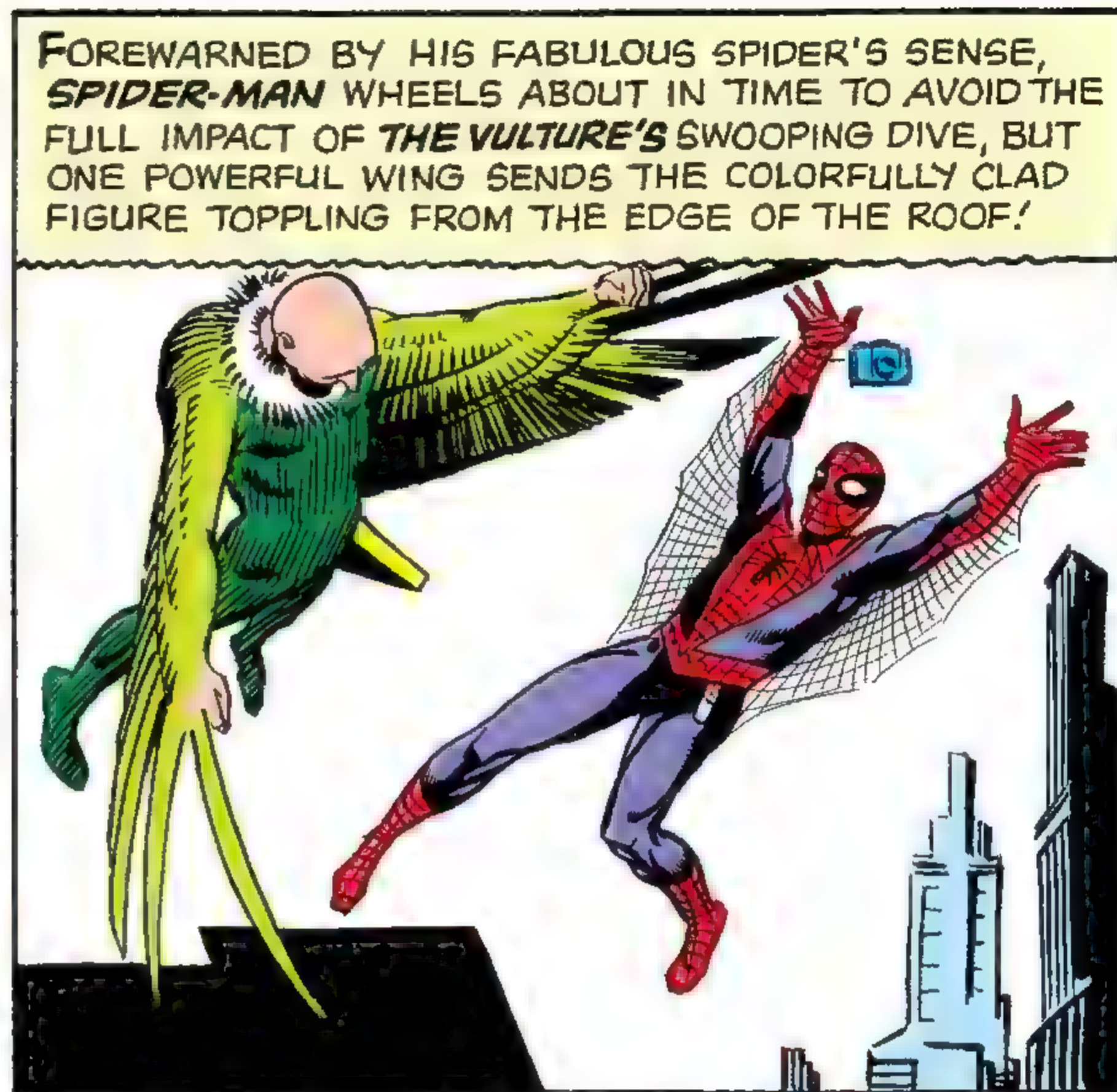
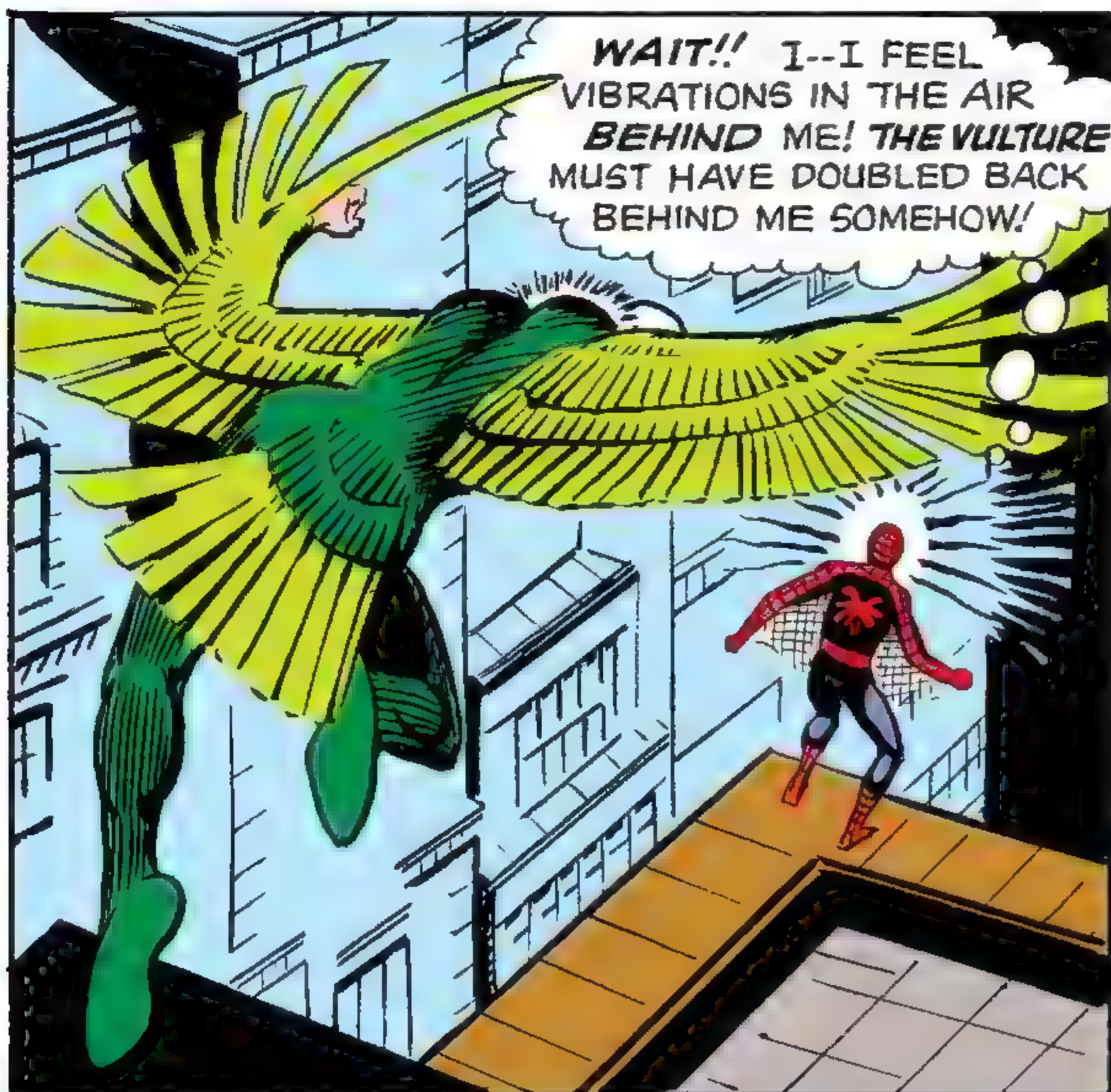
A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE OTHER END OF TOWN, A TRIUMPHANT **VULTURE** DECIDES TO LEAVE HIS UNDERGROUND LAIR AS DRAMATICALLY AS POSSIBLE...

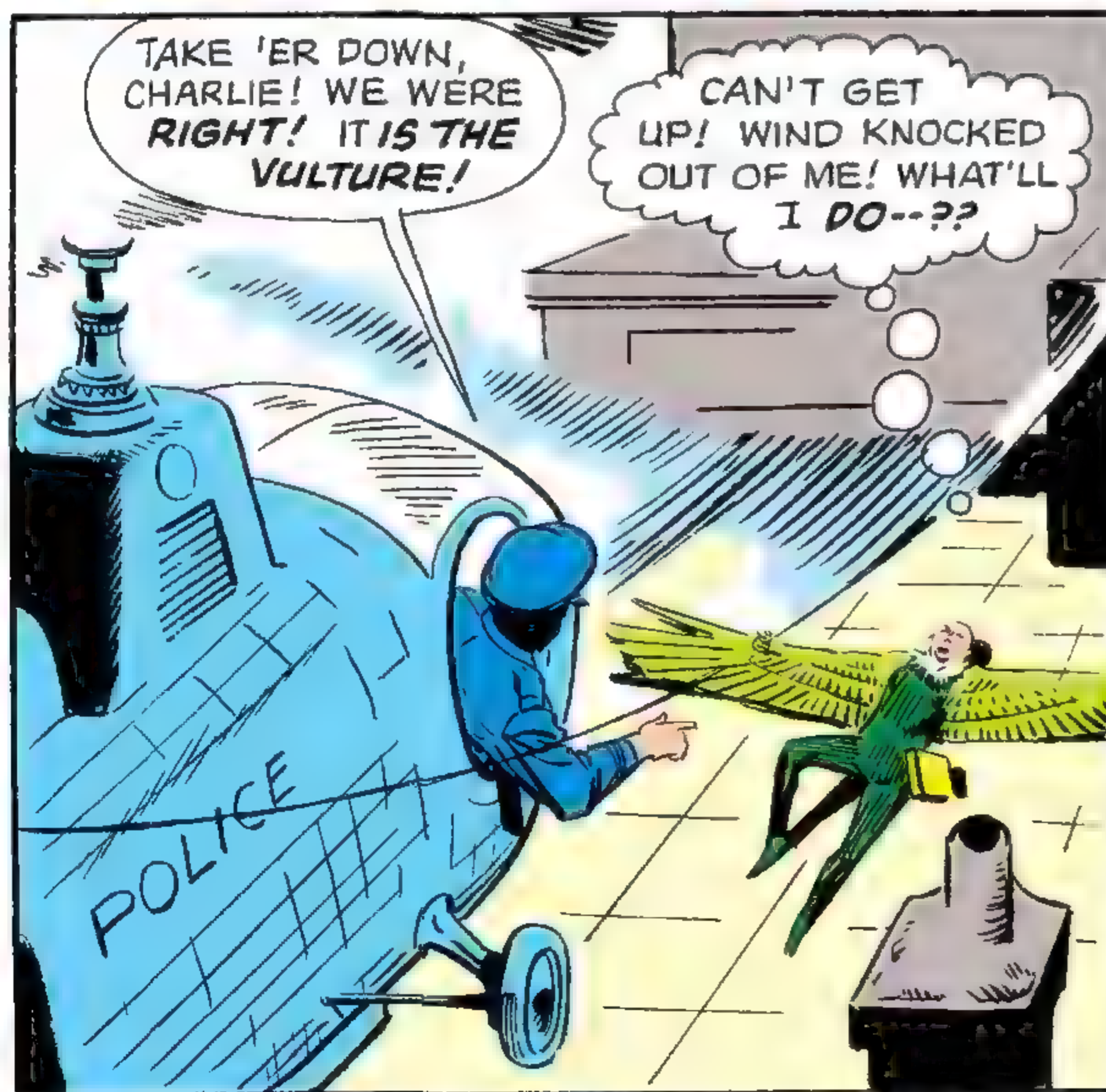
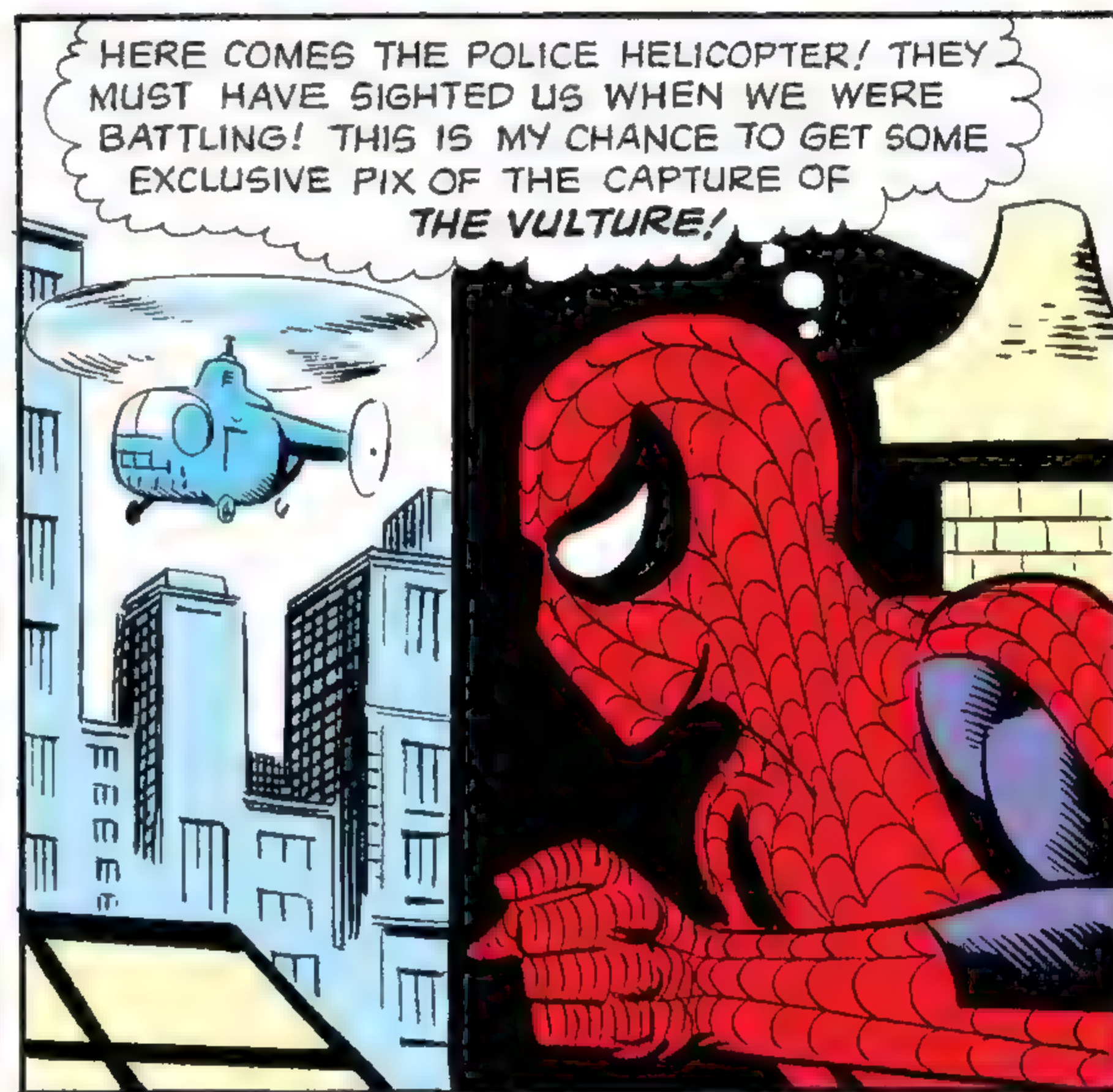
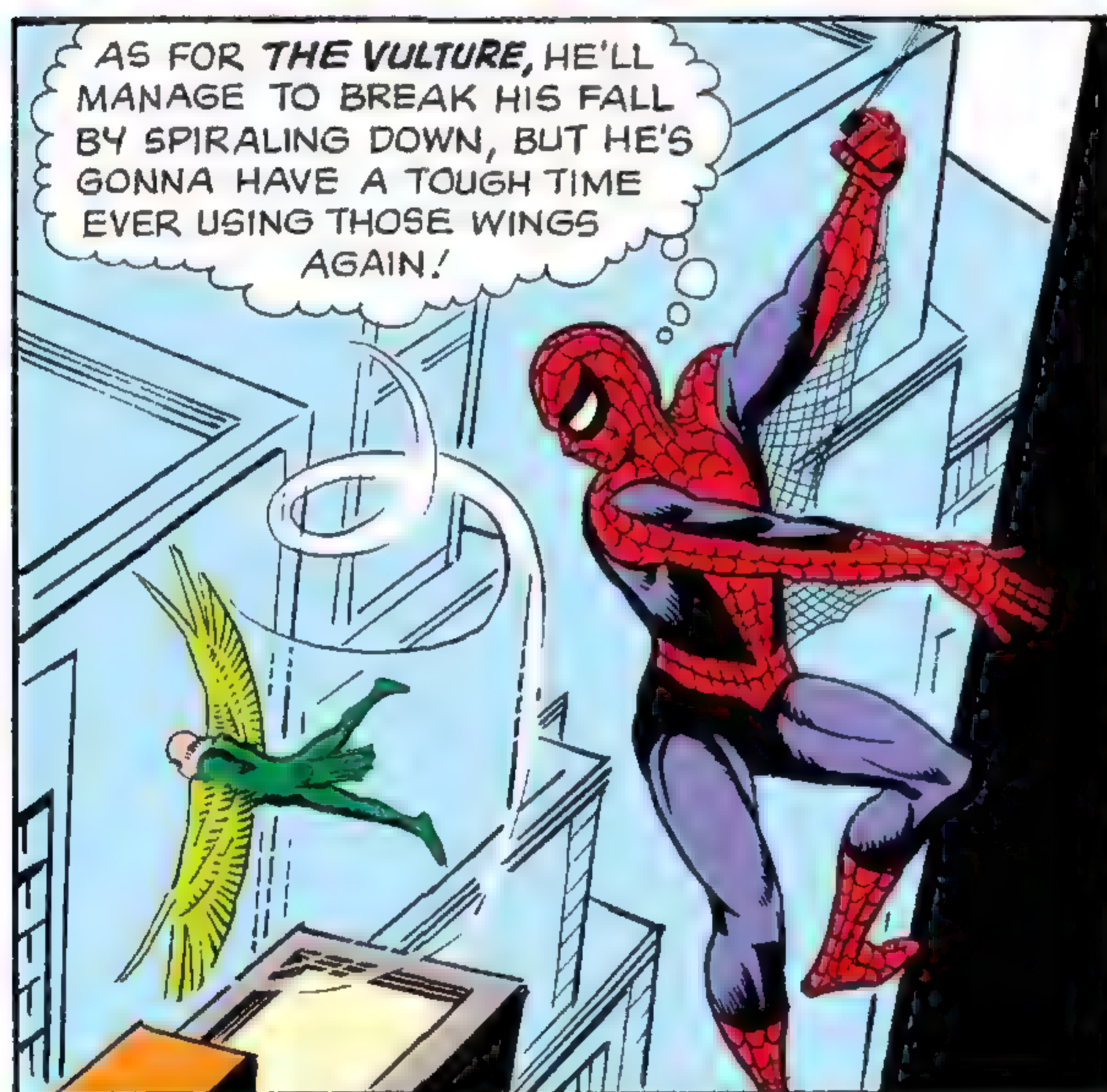


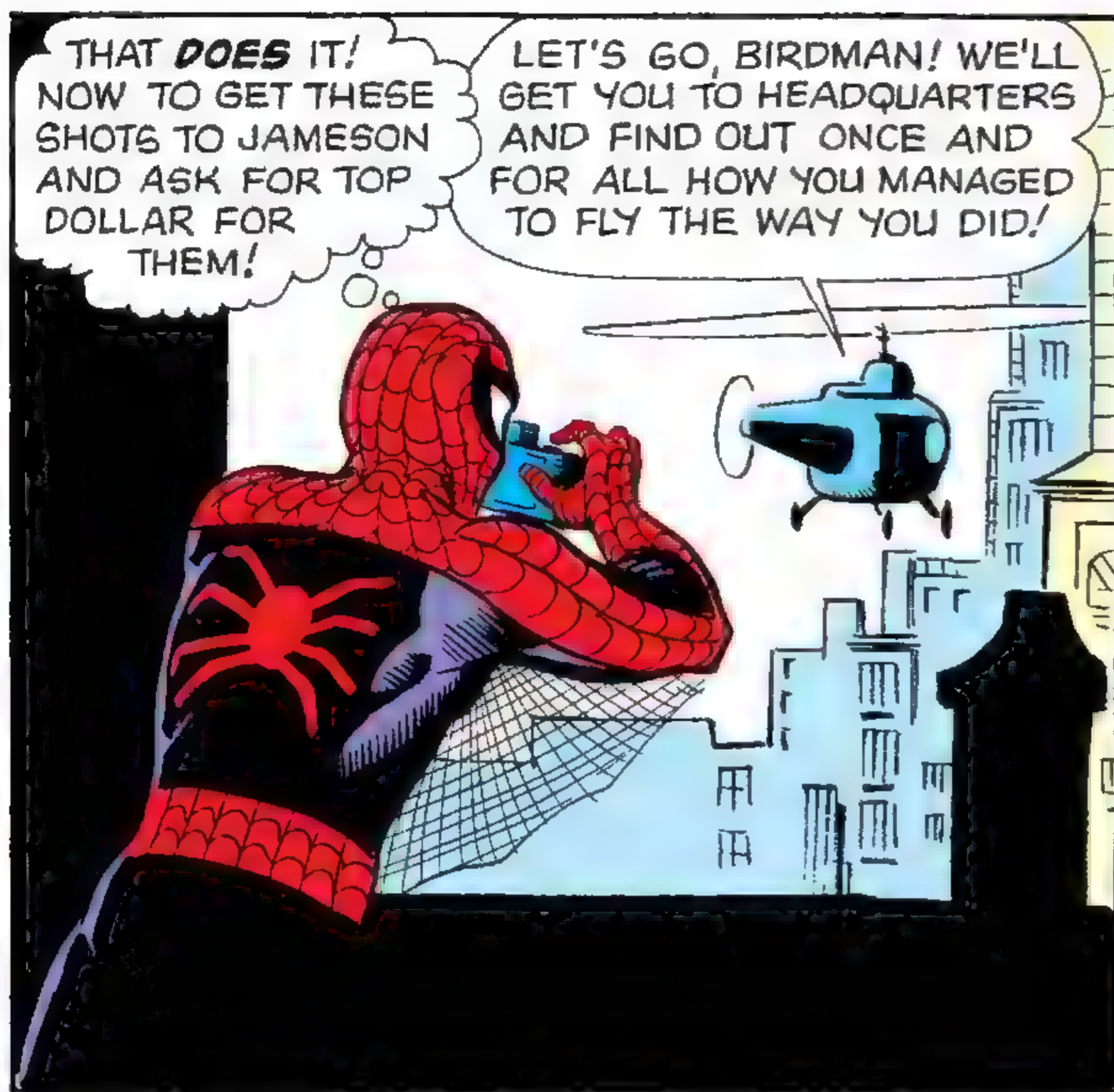
MEANWHILE, LEARNING WHAT HAS OCCURRED PETER PARKER MANAGES TO FIND A DESERTED ALLEY, AND THEN, MOVING WITH BLINDING SPEED...











THAT **DOES** IT! NOW TO GET THESE SHOTS TO JAMESON AND ASK FOR TOP DOLLAR FOR THEM!

LET'S GO, BIRDMAN! WE'LL GET YOU TO HEADQUARTERS AND FIND OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL HOW YOU MANAGED TO FLY THE WAY YOU DID!



IF THEY ASKED **ME**, I COULD HAVE **TOLD** THEM! THE ABSENCE OF NOISE GAVE ME THE CLUE! I SUSPECTED THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED A WAY TO HARNESS **MAGNETIC POWER**! THAT'S WHY MY GADGET MADE HIM FALL--IT'S AN **ANTI-MAGNETIC** INVERTER-- AND IT **WORKED**!



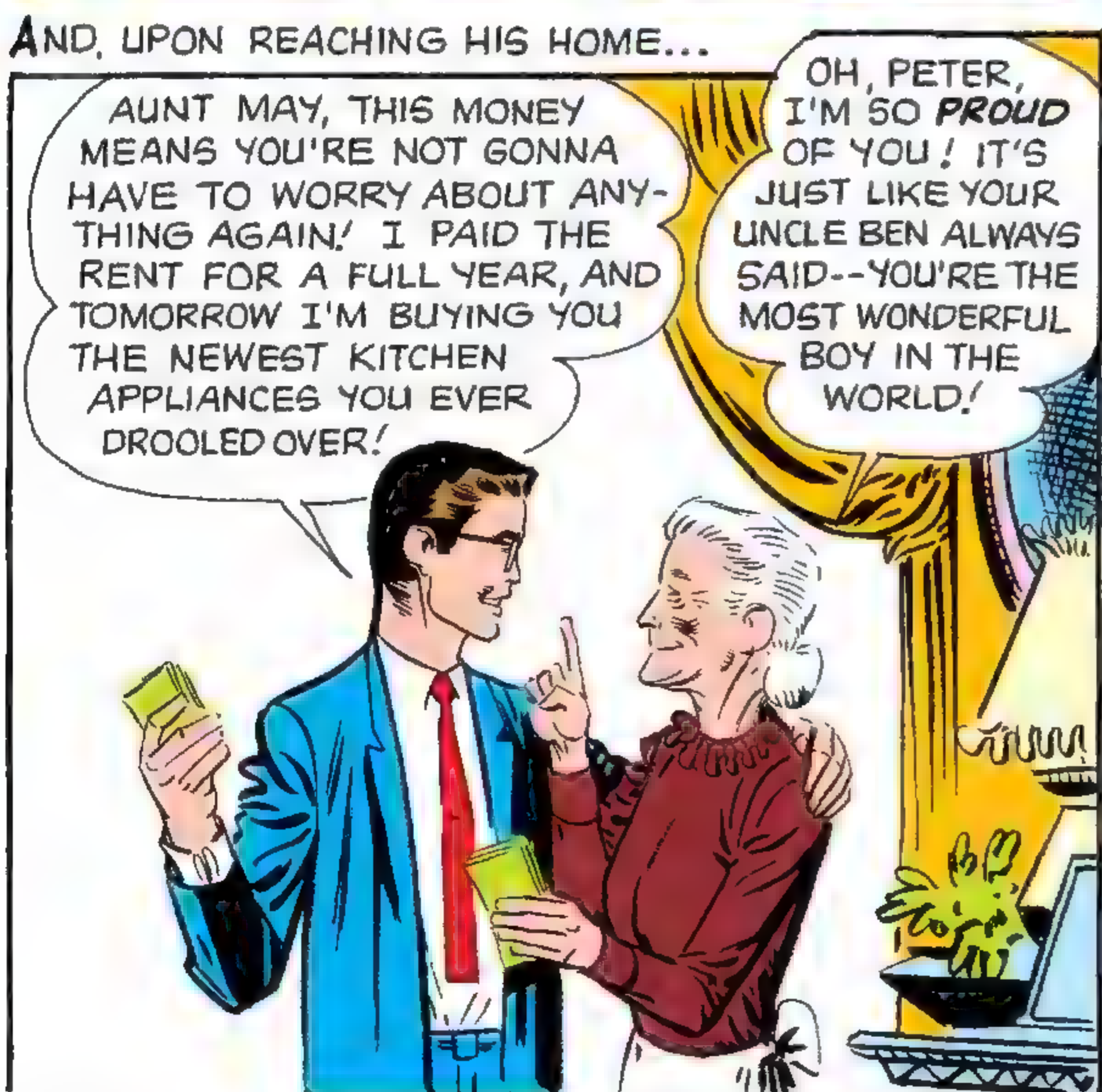
TELL ME, PARKER, ARE YOU A **MAGICIAN**? HOW DOES A TEEN-AGER LIKE **YOU** MANAGE TO GET PICTURES THAT OUR BEST STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS WOULD GIVE THEIR EYE TEETH FOR?

REMEMBER OUR DEAL, MR. JAMESON? THAT'S **MY** SECRET! NOW IF YOU DON'T **WANT** THE PIX--



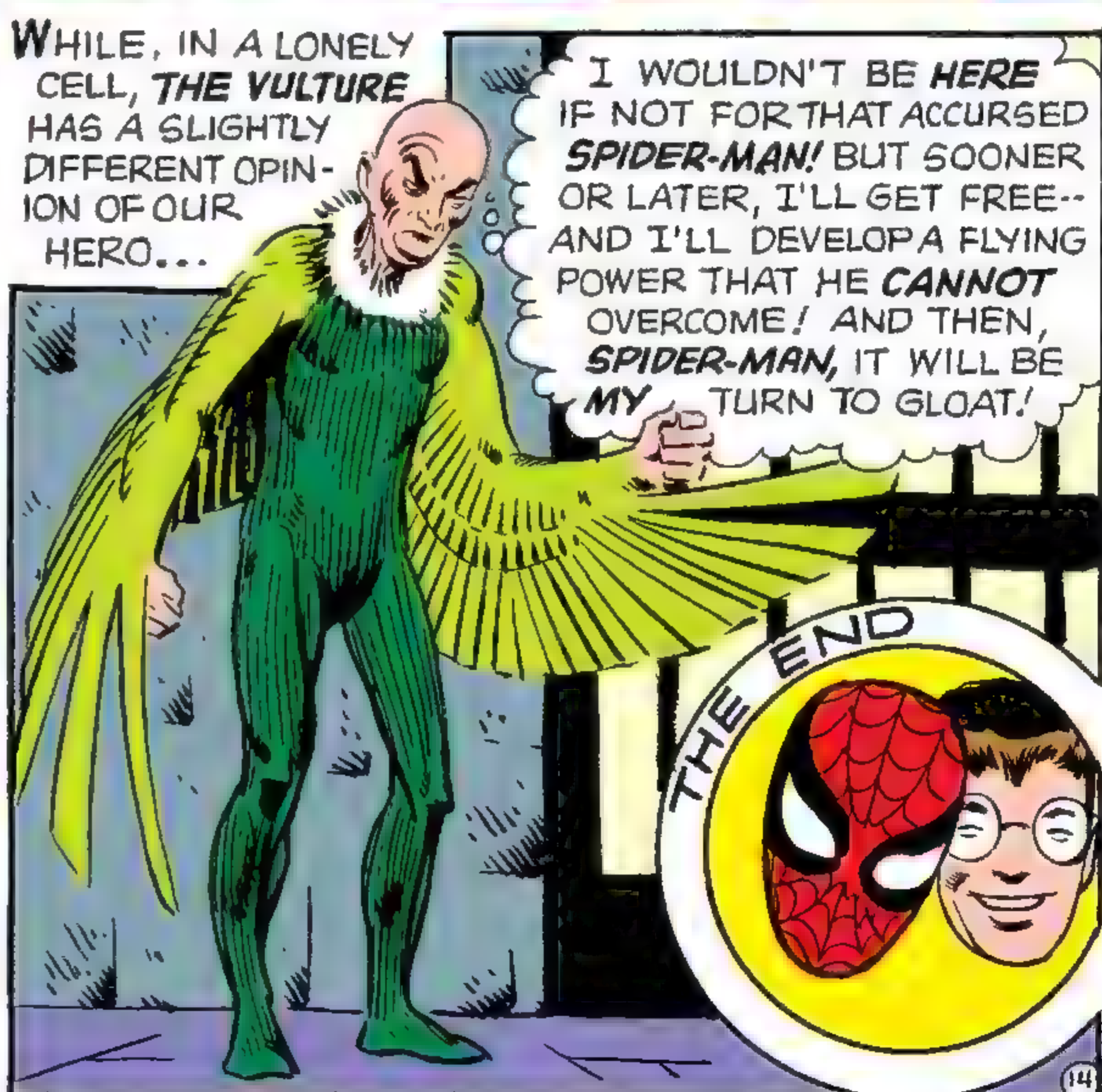
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR **MIND**?! WITH PICTURES LIKE **THESE**, I CAN ALMOST STAND LIVING IN THE CITY WITH **SPIDER-MAN**! TAKE A BONUS AND GO OUT AND BUY YOURSELF SOME TWIST RECORDS!

HE THINKS I'M JUST A TYPICAL TEEN-AGE KID! GOOD! THAT'S THE WAY I **LIKE** IT! AND THIS WAD OF BILLS HE PAID ME IS WHAT I LIKE ALSO!



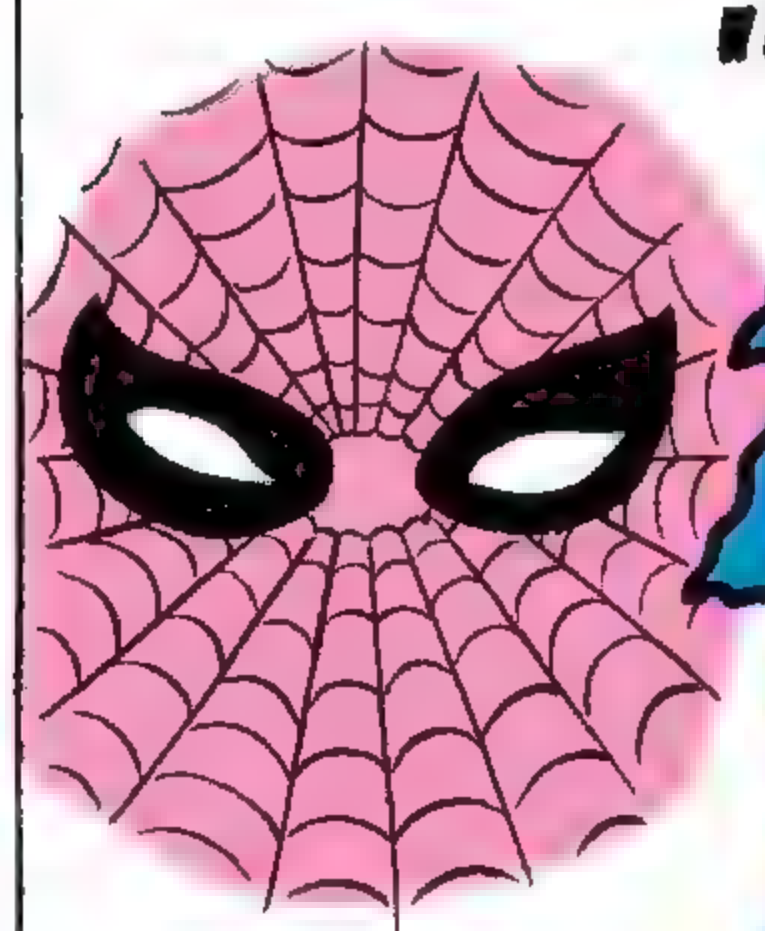
AUNT MAY, THIS MONEY MEANS YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING AGAIN! I PAID THE RENT FOR A FULL YEAR, AND TOMORROW I'M BUYING YOU THE NEWEST KITCHEN APPLIANCES YOU EVER DROOLED OVER!

OH, PETER, I'M SO **PROUD** OF YOU! IT'S JUST LIKE YOUR UNCLE BEN ALWAYS SAID--YOU'RE THE MOST WONDERFUL BOY IN THE WORLD!



WHILE, IN A LONELY CELL, **THE VULTURE** HAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT OPINION OF OUR HERO...

I WOULDN'T BE **HERE** IF NOT FOR THAT ACCURSED **SPIDER-MAN**! BUT SOONER OR LATER, I'LL GET FREE--AND I'LL DEVELOP A FLYING POWER THAT HE **CANNOT** OVERCOME! AND THEN, **SPIDER-MAN**, IT WILL BE **MY** TURN TO GLOAT!



"the UNCANNY THREAT of **THE TERRIBLE TINKERER!**"

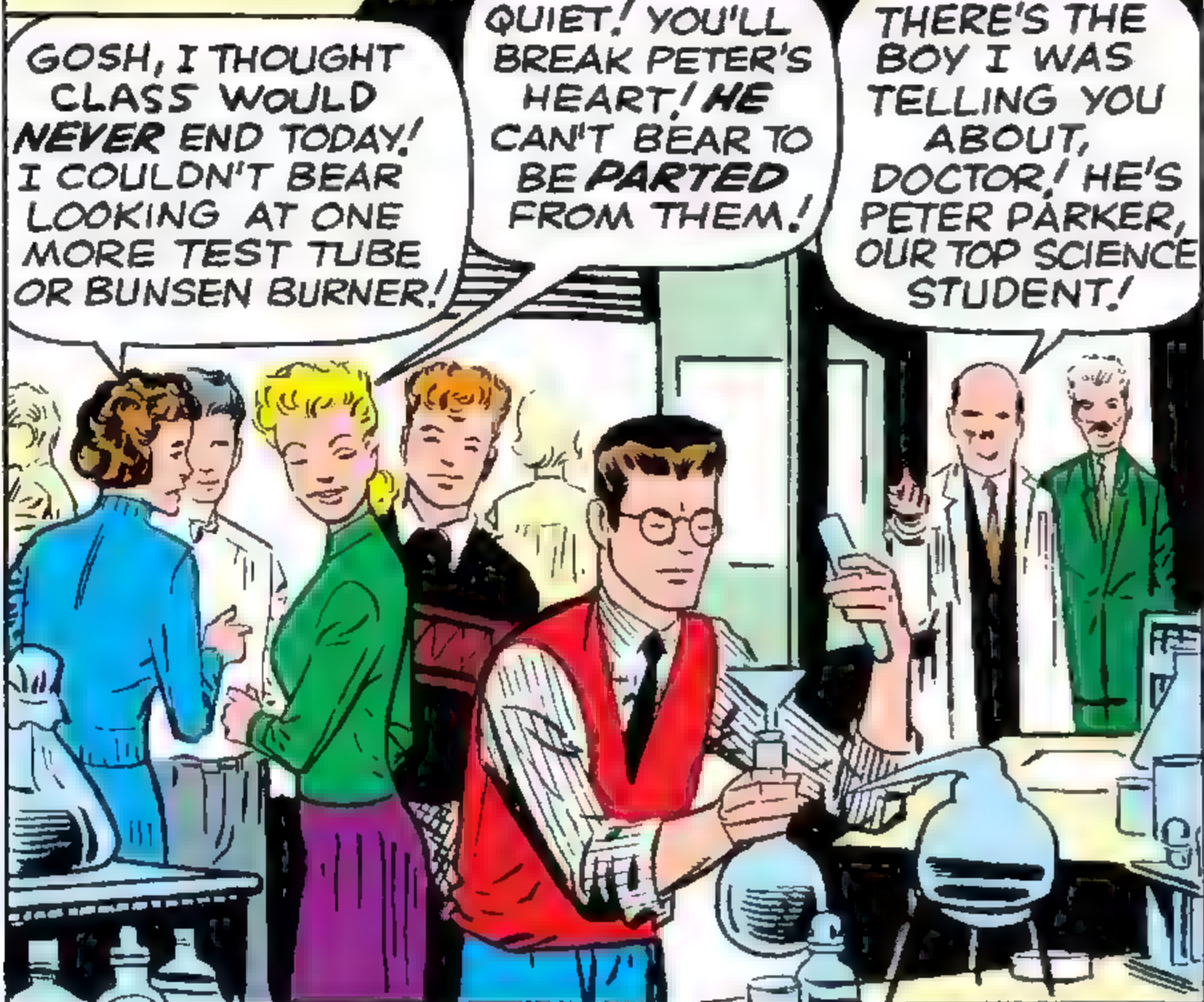
HE LOOKS SO HARMLESS--AND
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EVERYBODY LOVES A BARGAIN!
BUT SOMETIMES IT CAN BE
DANGEROUS TO ACCEPT A
BARGAIN WHICH IS TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE! ESPECIALLY IF
THE BARGAIN IS BEING
OFFERED BY SOMEONE LIKE
THE **TINKERER**, WHO--
BUT WAIT! LET'S SEE HOW IT
ALL BEGAN--AND HOW IT
TOOK **SPIDER-MAN** TO
FINISH IT!

A STORY HAS TO START SOMEWHERE, SO LET'S BEGIN OURS IN THE SCIENCE LAB OF MIDTOWN HIGH, WHERE WE FIND PETER PARKER HARD AT WORK WHILE...



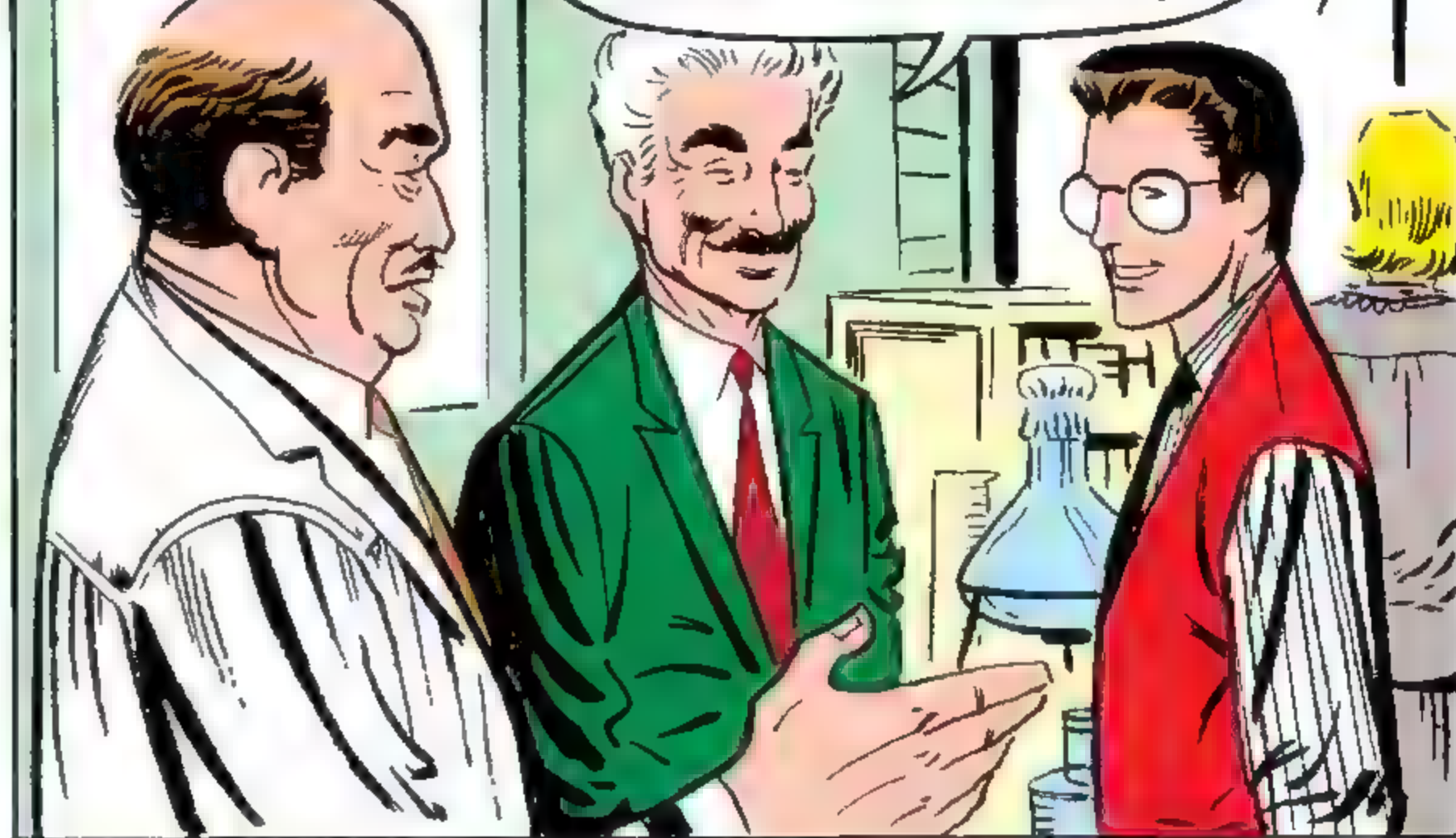
GOSH, I THOUGHT CLASS WOULD NEVER END TODAY! I COULDN'T BEAR LOOKING AT ONE MORE TEST TUBE OR BUNSEN BURNER!

QUIET! YOU'LL BREAK PETER'S HEART! HE CAN'T BEAR TO BE PARTED FROM THEM!

THERE'S THE BOY I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT, DOCTOR! HE'S PETER PARKER, OUR TOP SCIENCE STUDENT!

PETER, PROFESSOR COBBWELL HAS ASKED ME TO RECOMMEND A STUDENT WHO COULD HELP HIM WITH SOME RESEARCH OVER THE WEEK-END, AND I WAS WONDERING--?

GOSH! A CHANCE TO WORK WITH THE MOST FAMOUS ELECTRONICS EXPERT IN TOWN? I'D BE DELIGHTED, SIR!



THANK YOU, MY BOY! I HAVE SOME URGENT EXPERIMENTS TO PERFORM, AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE!

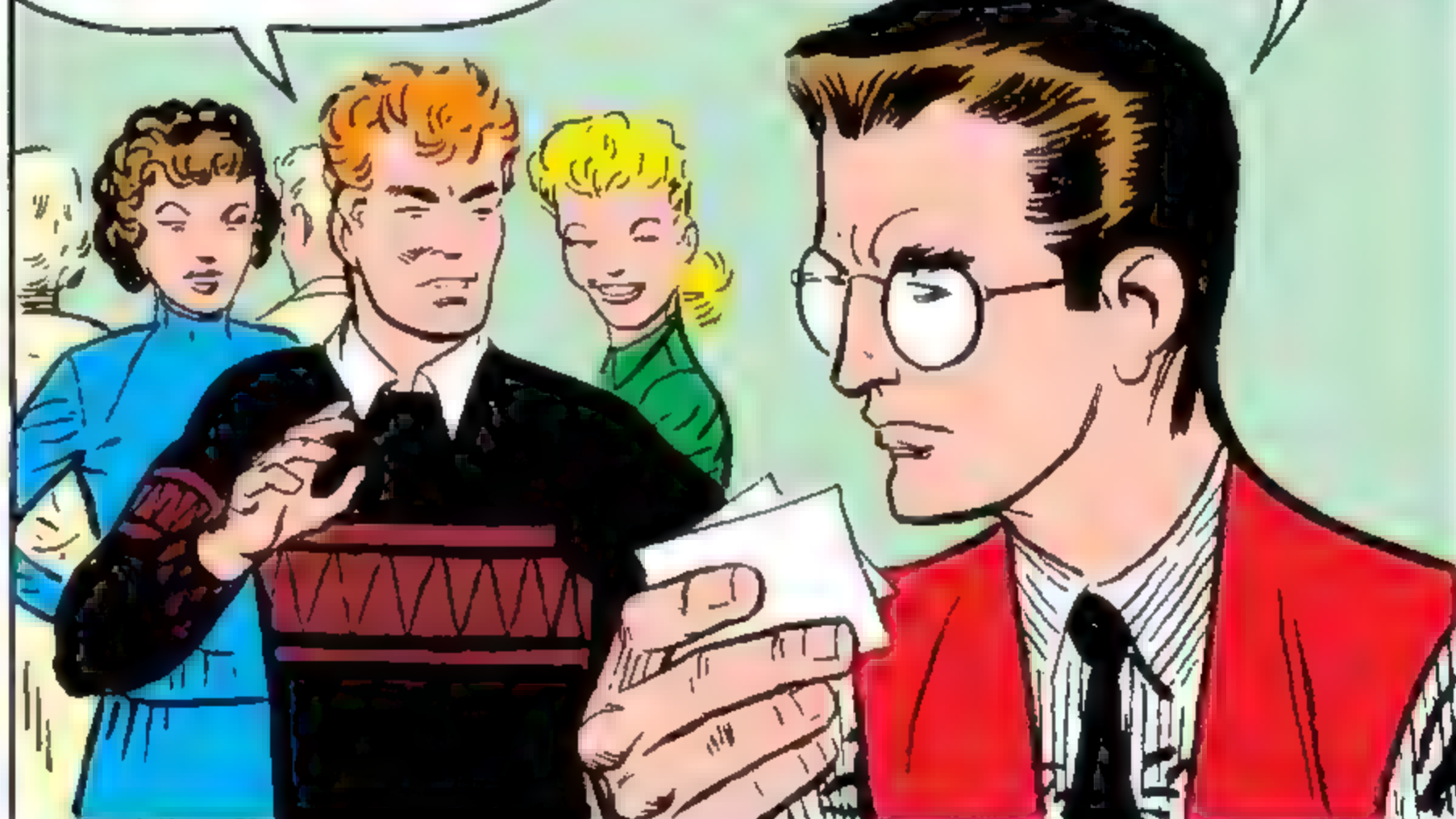
HERE IS MY ADDRESS, SON! ON YOUR WAY OVER TOMORROW, PLEASE STOP AT THE RADIO REPAIR SHOP AND PICK UP A SMALL RADIO FOR ME! I HAD SOME NEW TUBES PUT IN IT!



SURE, I'LL BE GLAD TO DOCTOR COBBWELL!

MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE STUDENTS ARE ALONE AGAIN...

WELL WELL! SO TEACHER'S PET IS GONNA HELP THE NICE LITTLE DOCTOR WITH SOME EXPERIMENTS THIS WEEK-END, EH? WHILE US OTHER DUMBHEADS WASTE TIME HAVING DATES AND LIVIN' IT UP!



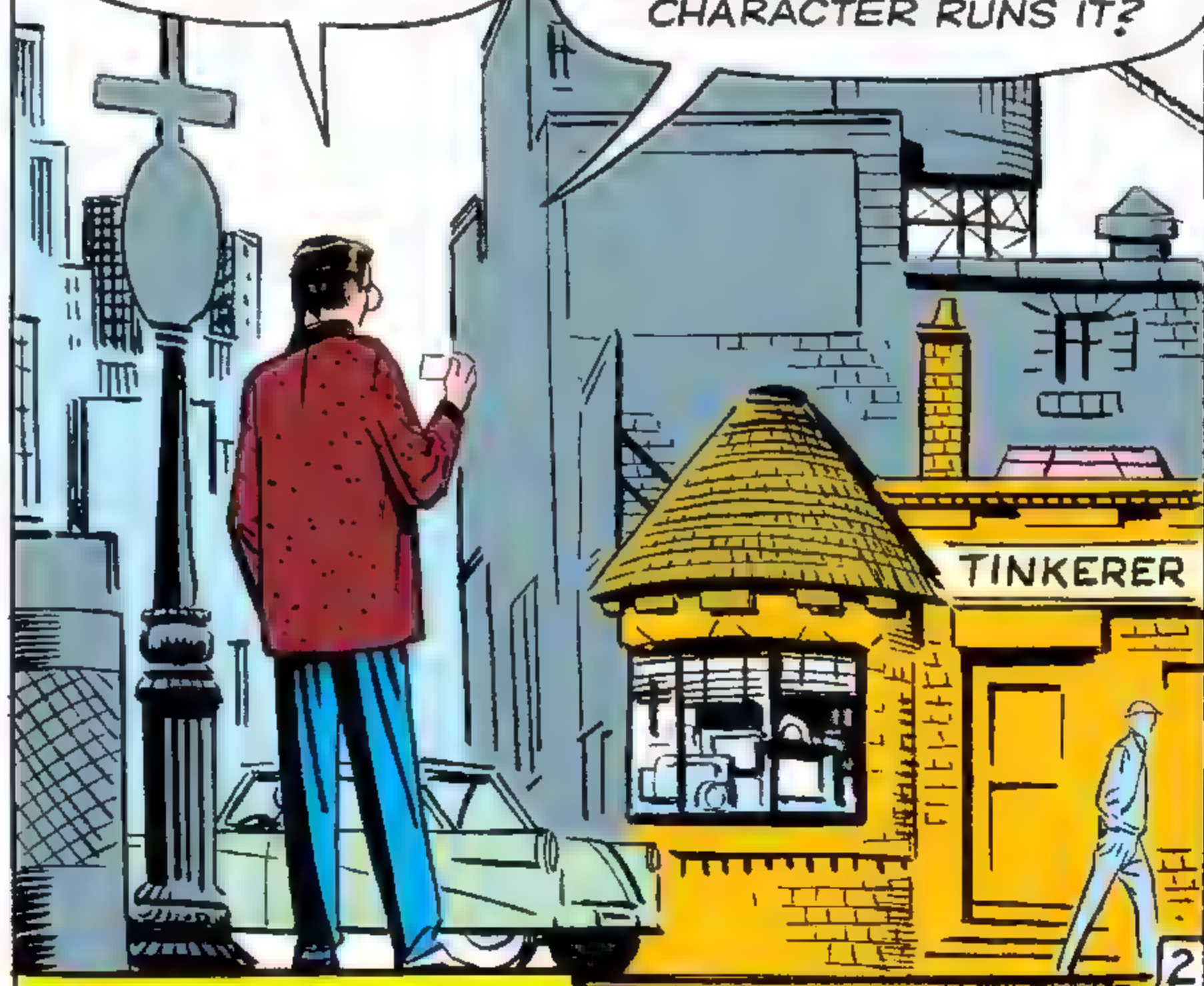
KNOCK IT OFF, FLASH! YOU'RE DARN *RIGHT* I'D JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH A BRILLIANT MAN LIKE DOCTOR COBBWELL! AS FOR YOU BEING A DUMBHEAD, IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF! YOU WERE JUST BORN THAT WAY!

THEN, BEFORE THE ANGRY FLASH THOMPSON CAN THINK OF A SUITABLE RETORT, PETER PARKER IS GONE! AND, THE NEXT DAY, AT HOME...

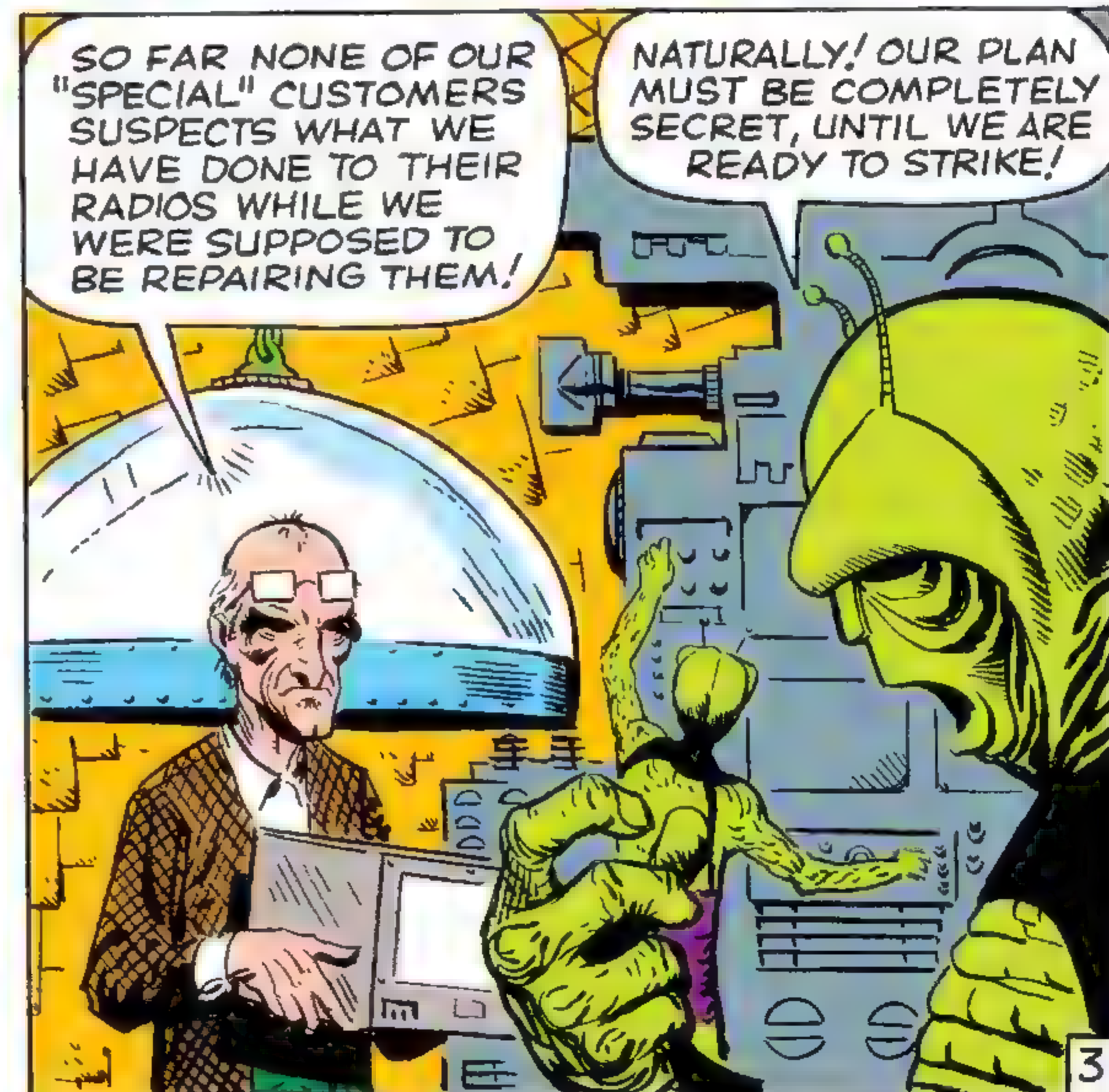
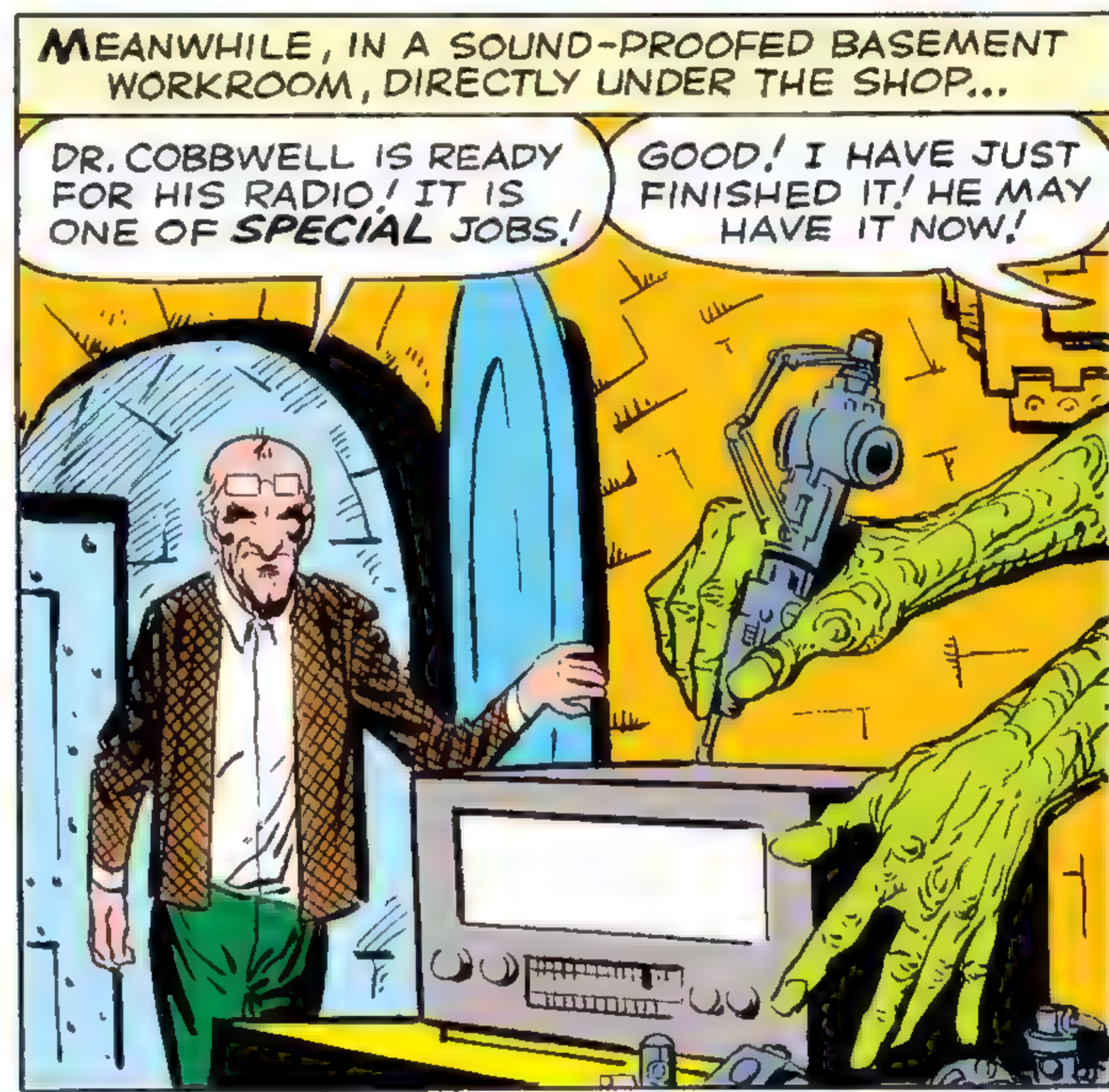
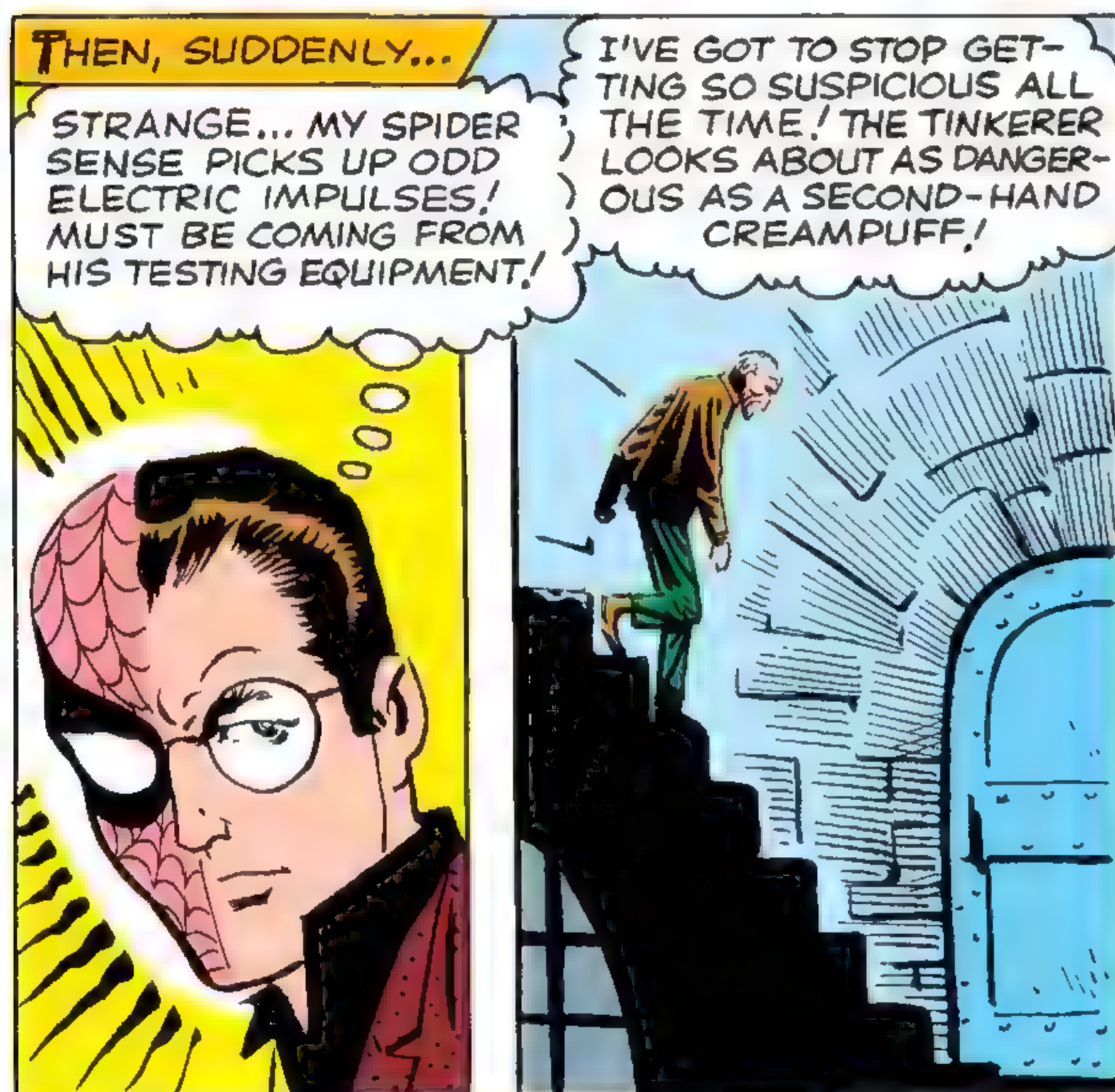
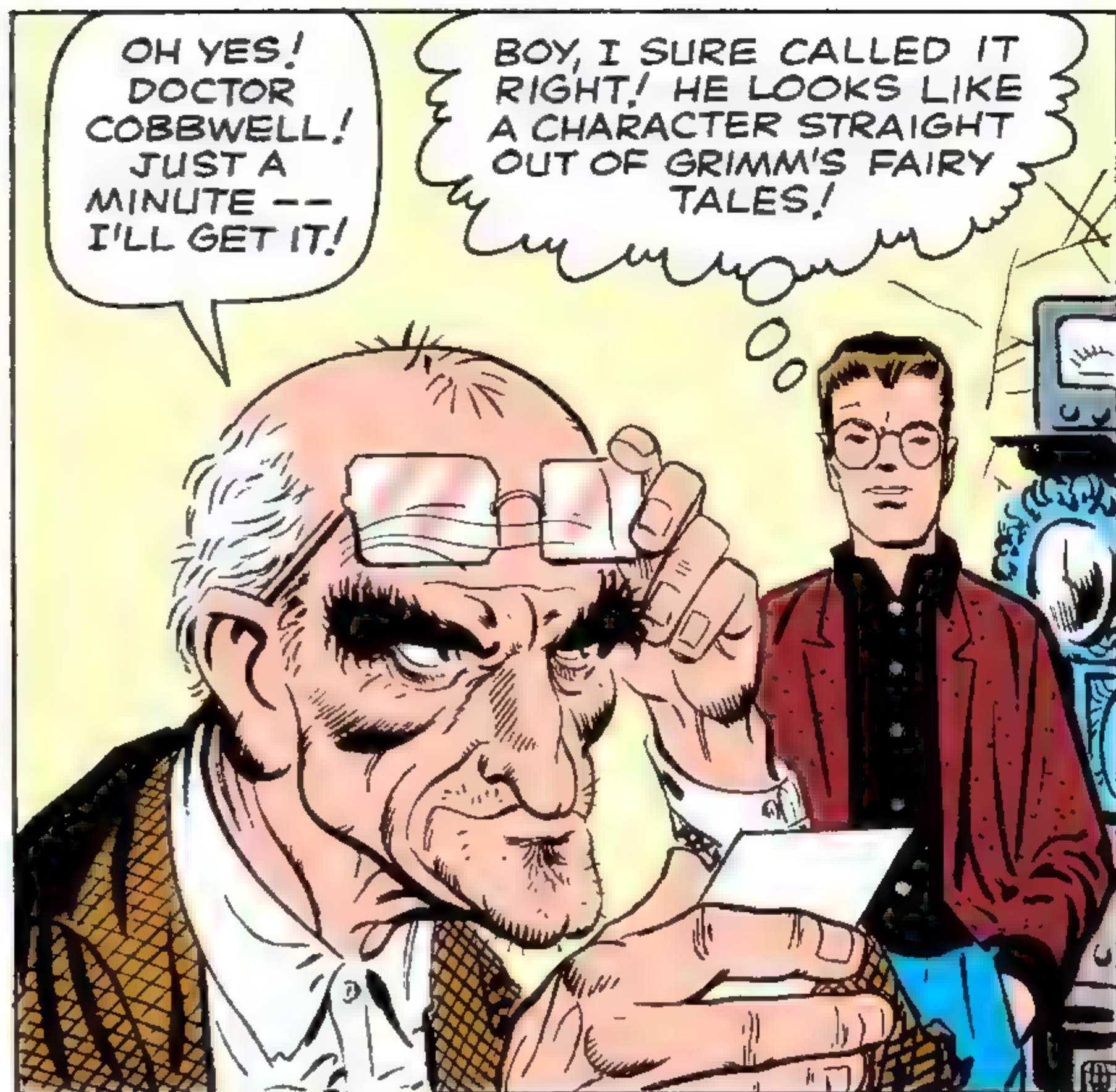
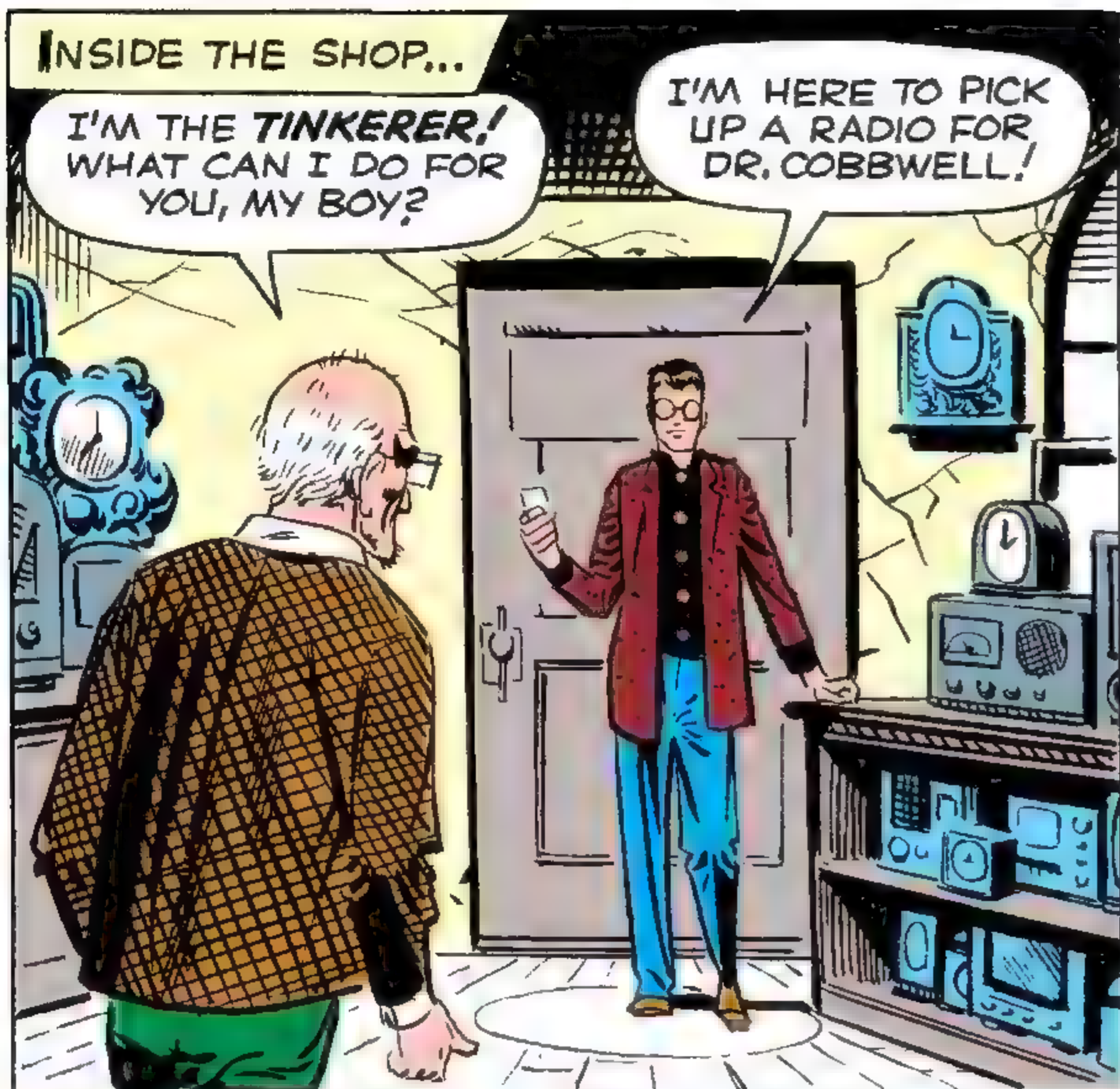


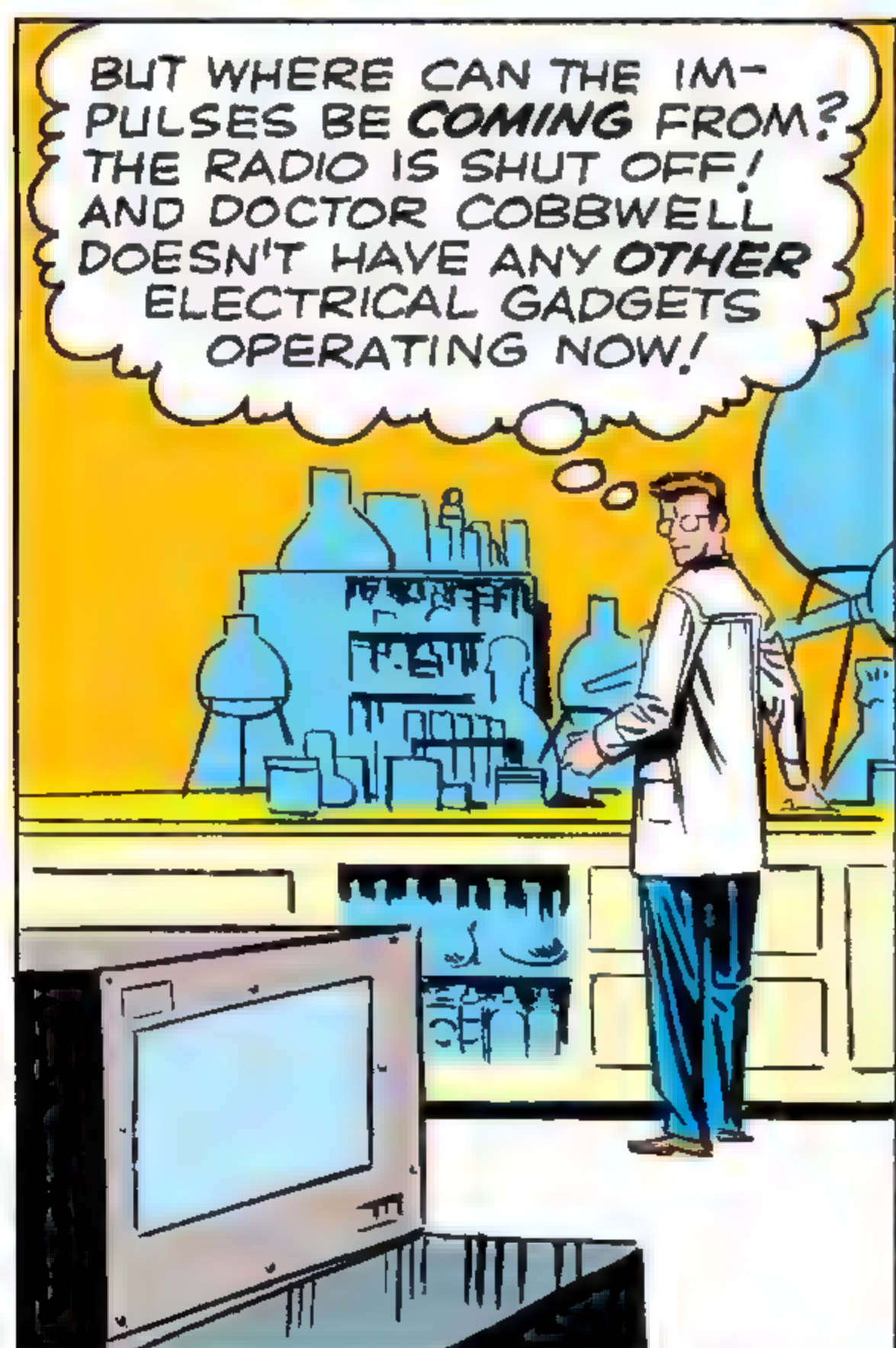
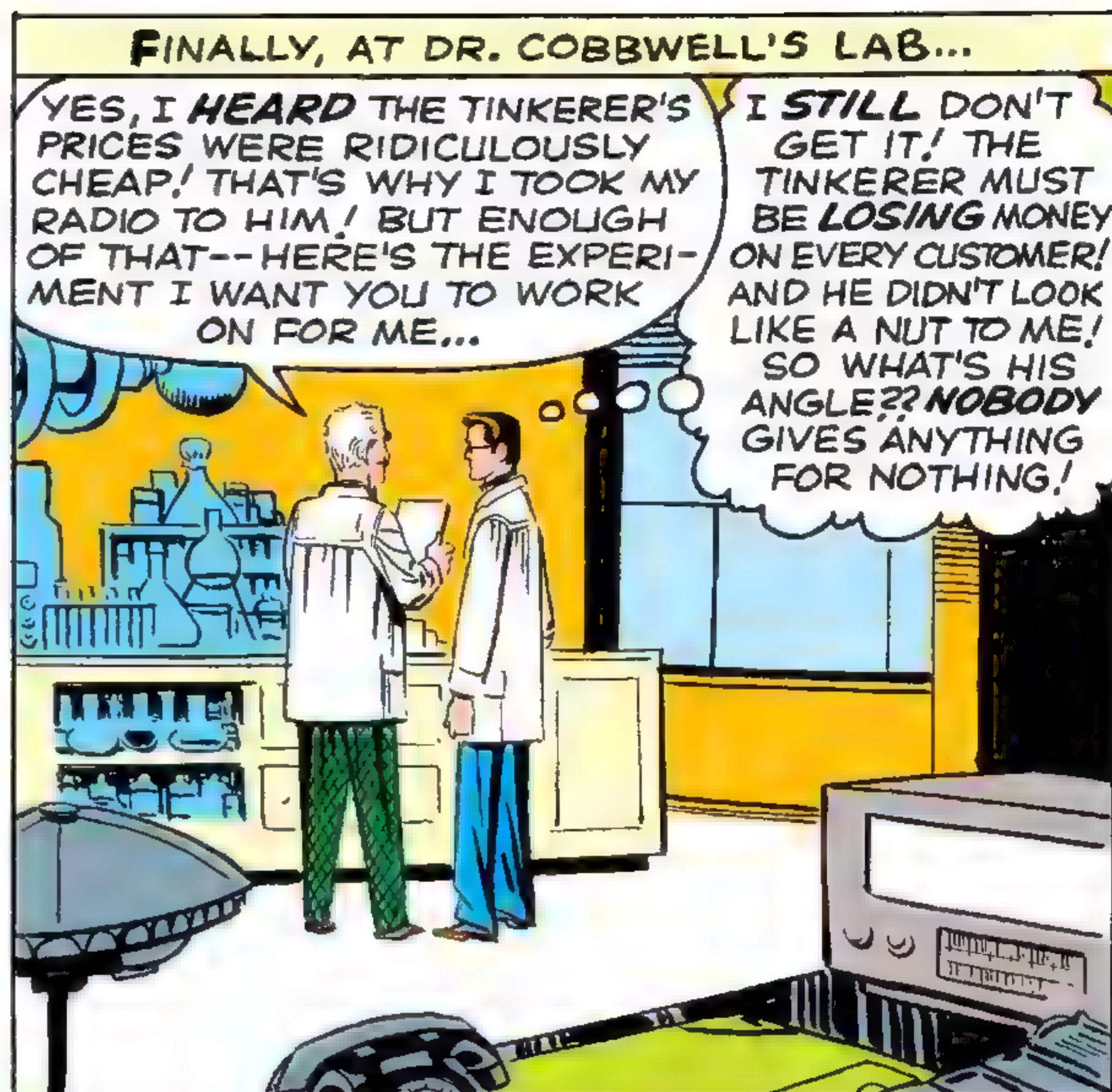
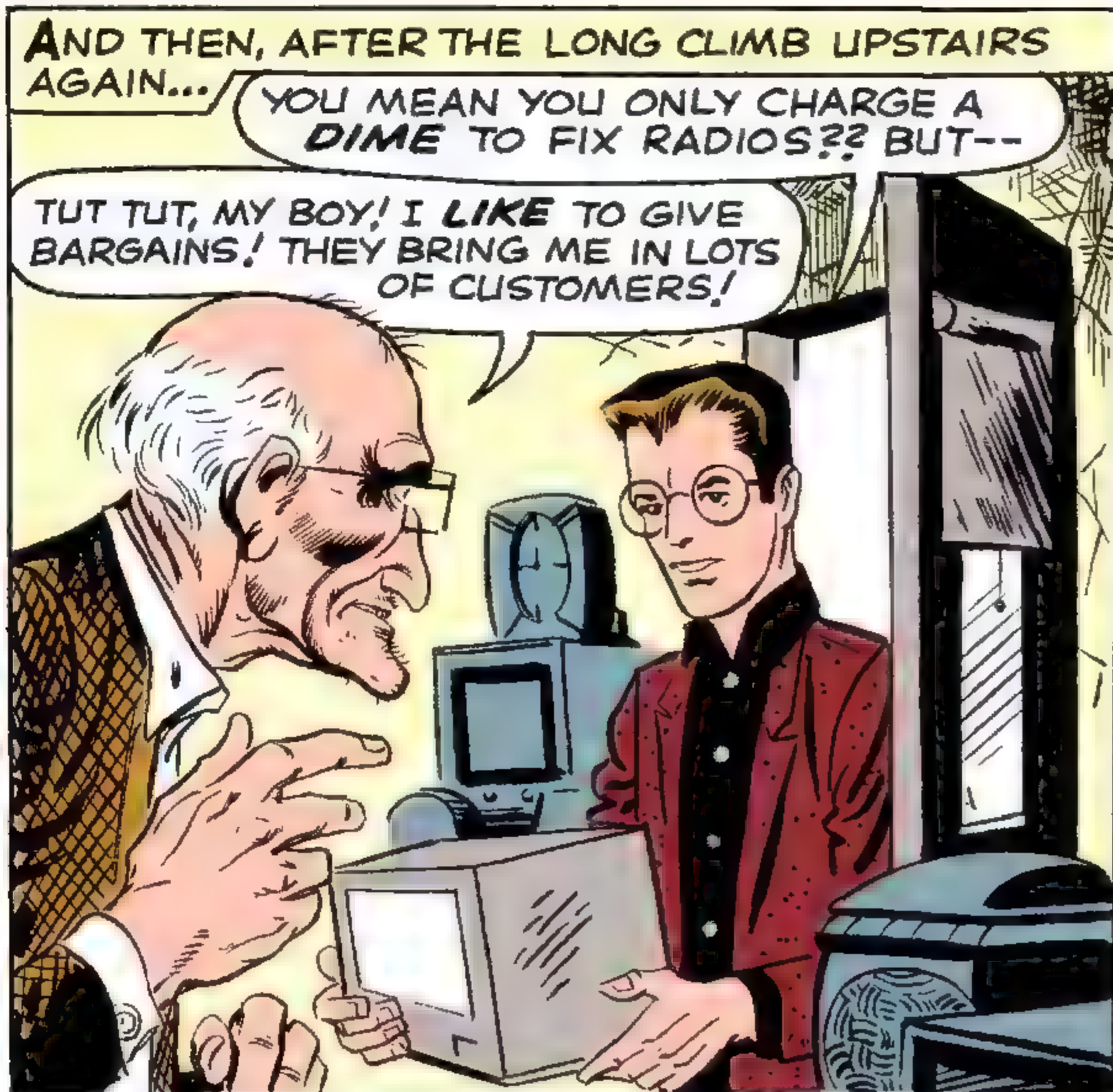
I'D BETTER TAKE MY SPIDER-MAN OUTFIT! NEVER KNOW WHEN I'LL NEED IT! BESIDES, I FEEL ALMOST UNDRESSED WITHOUT IT!

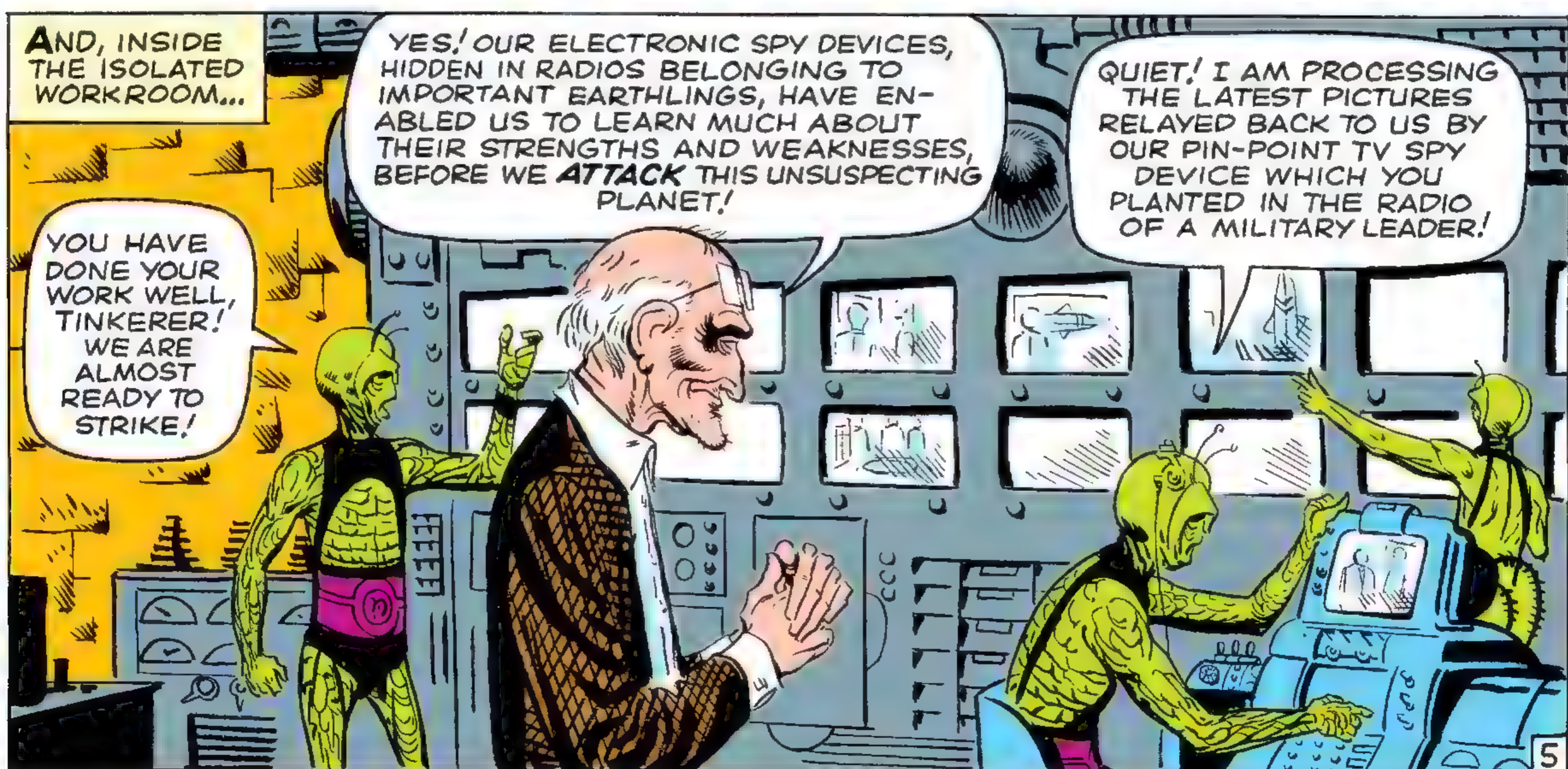
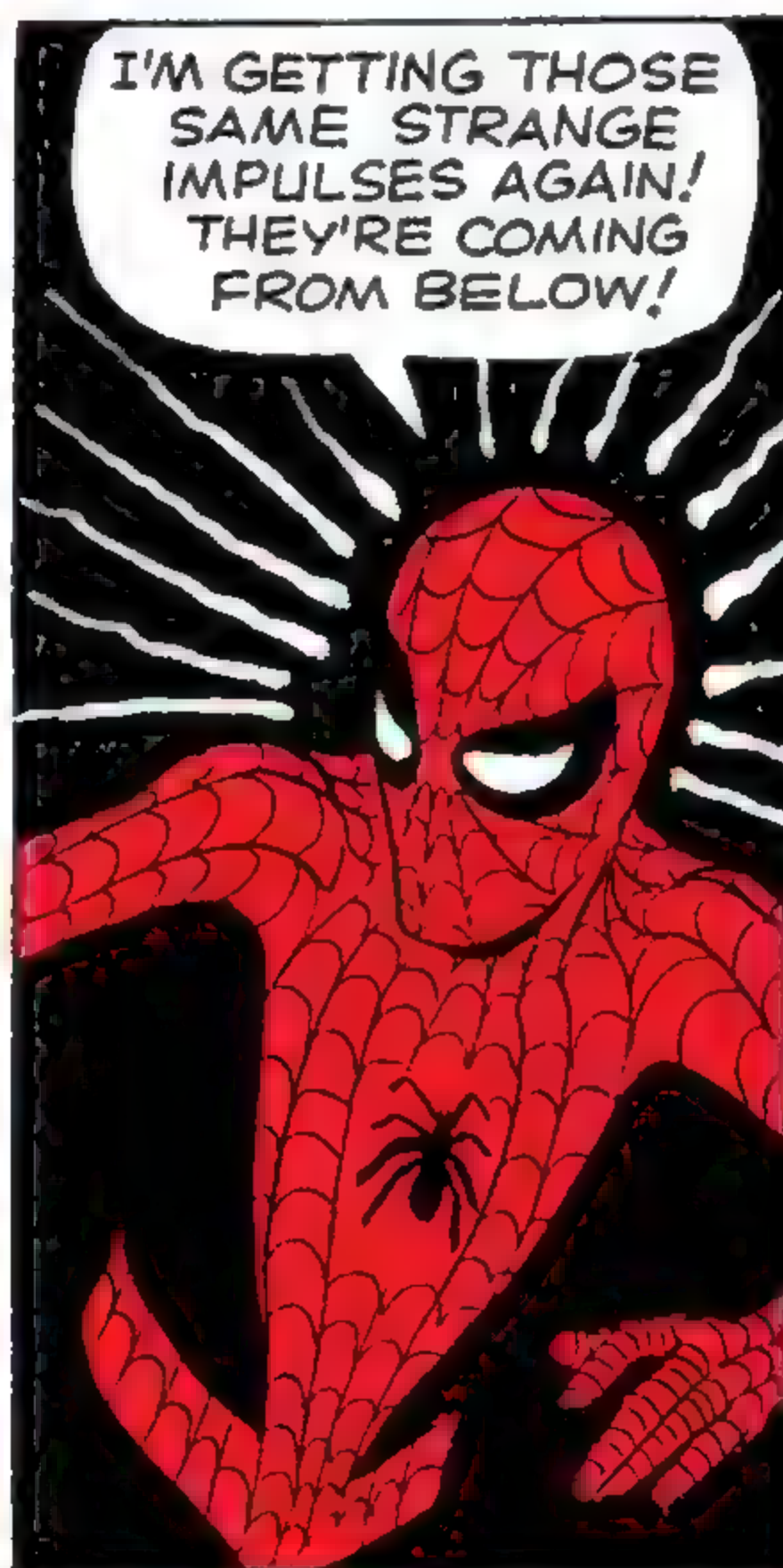
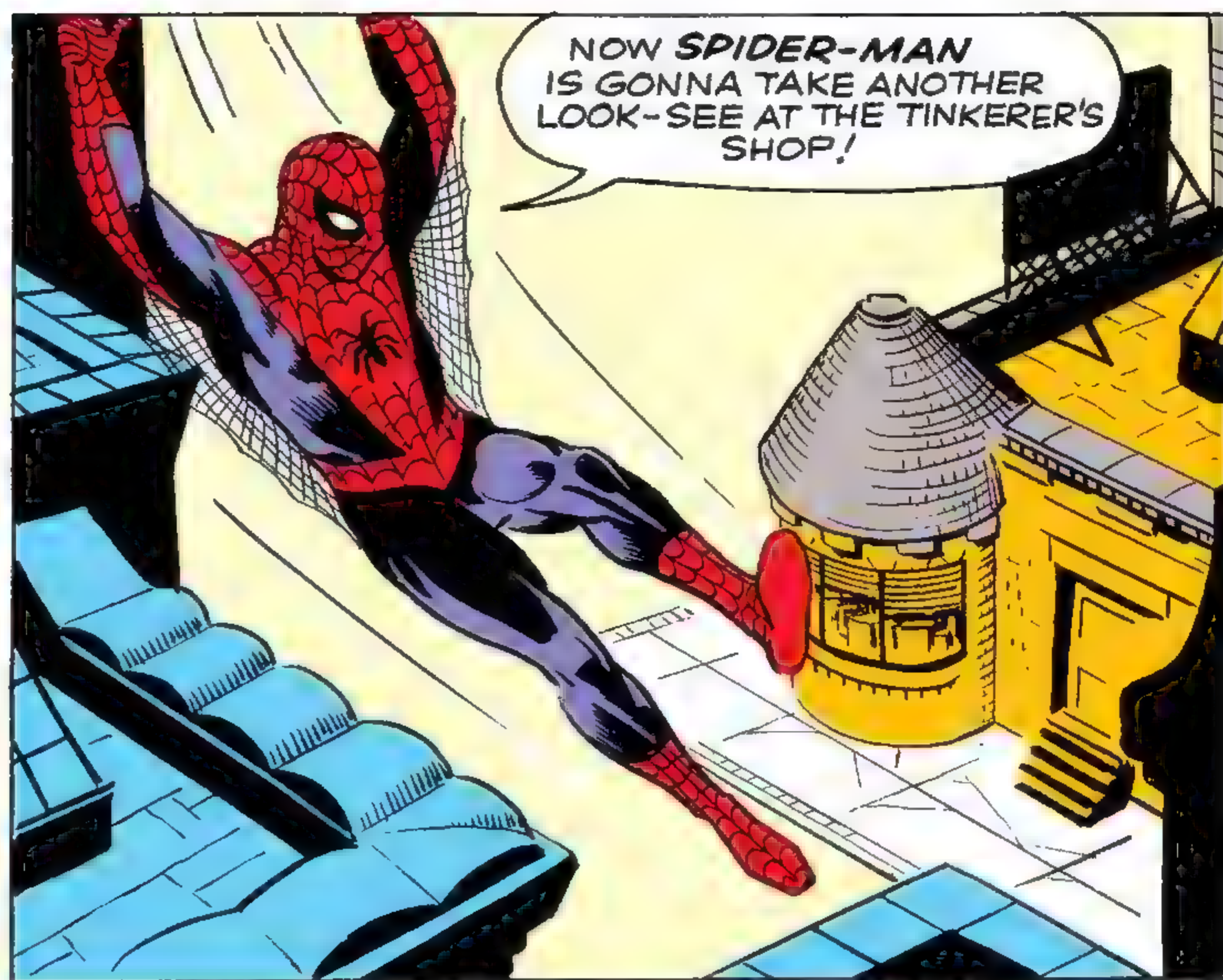
HMMM, HERE'S THE PLACE THE DOC WANTED ME TO PICK UP HIS RADIO!

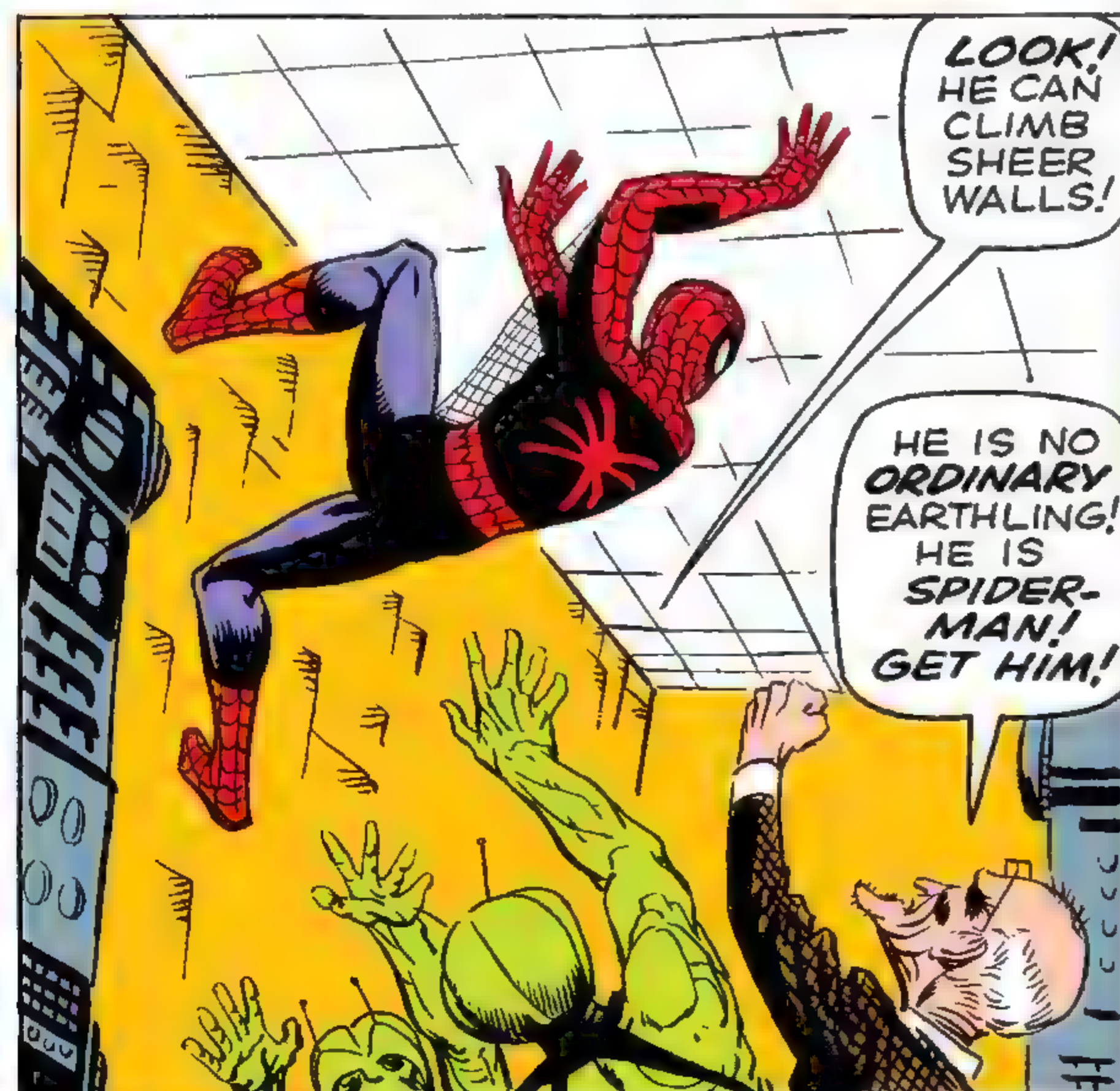
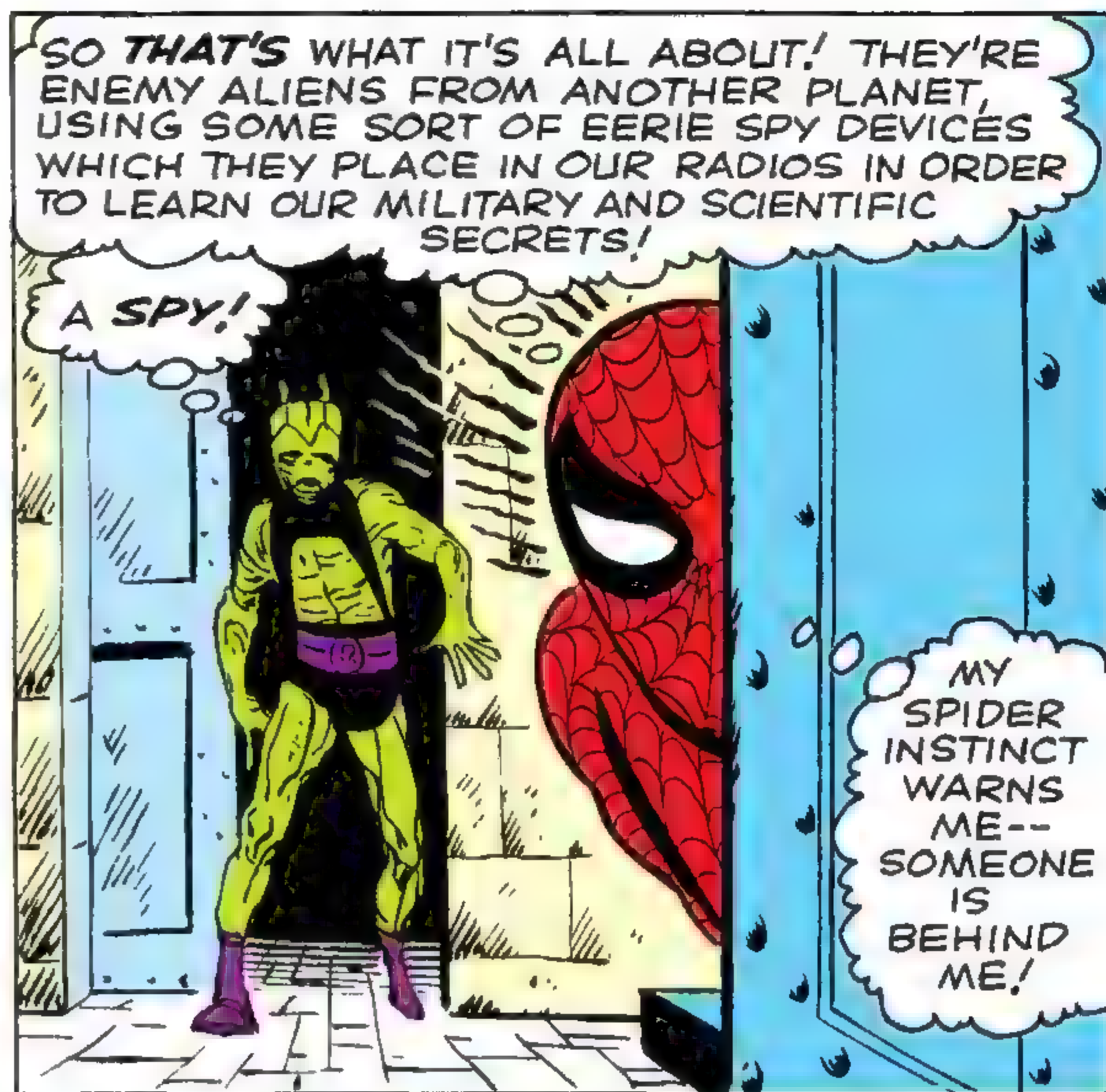
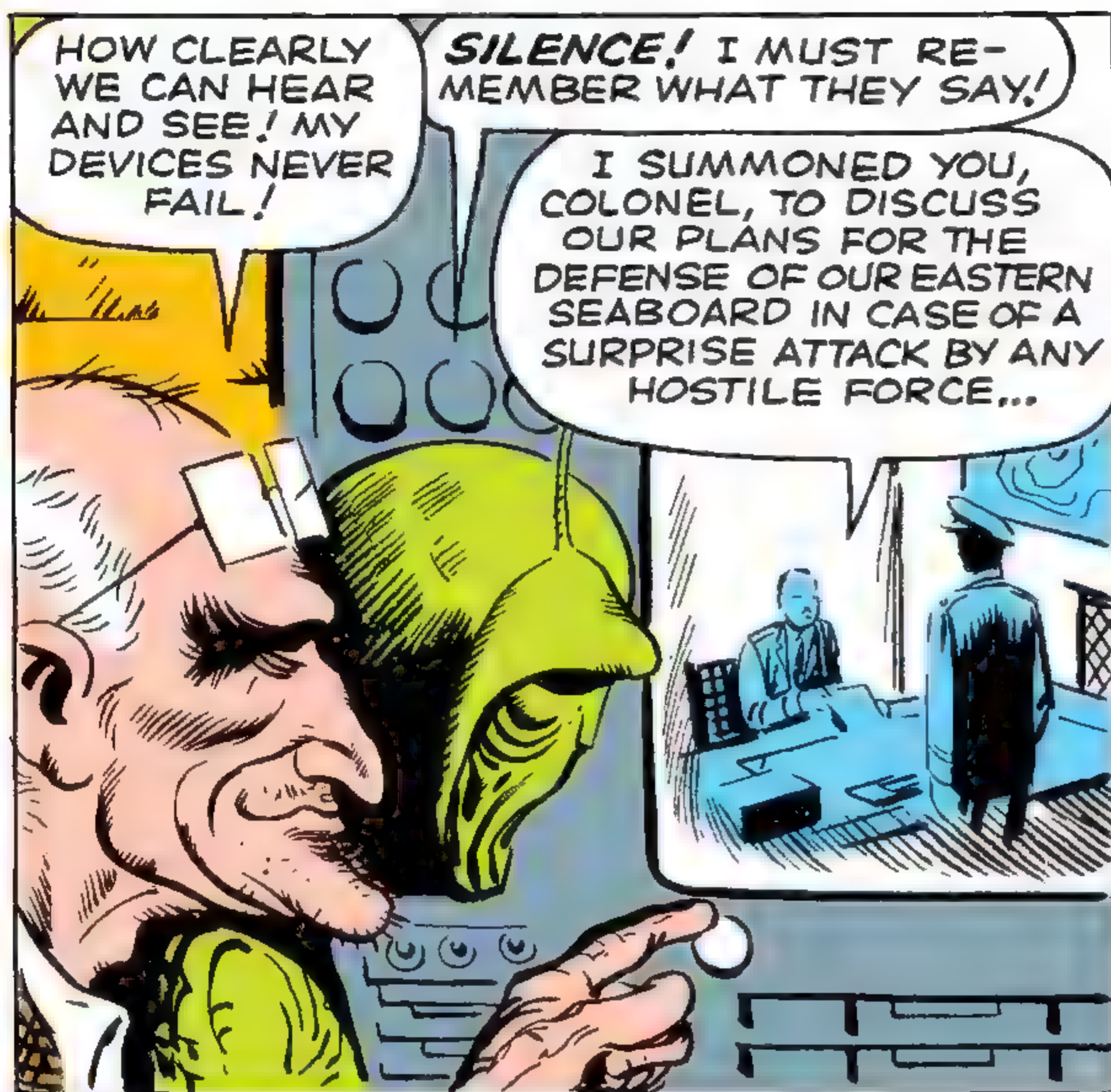


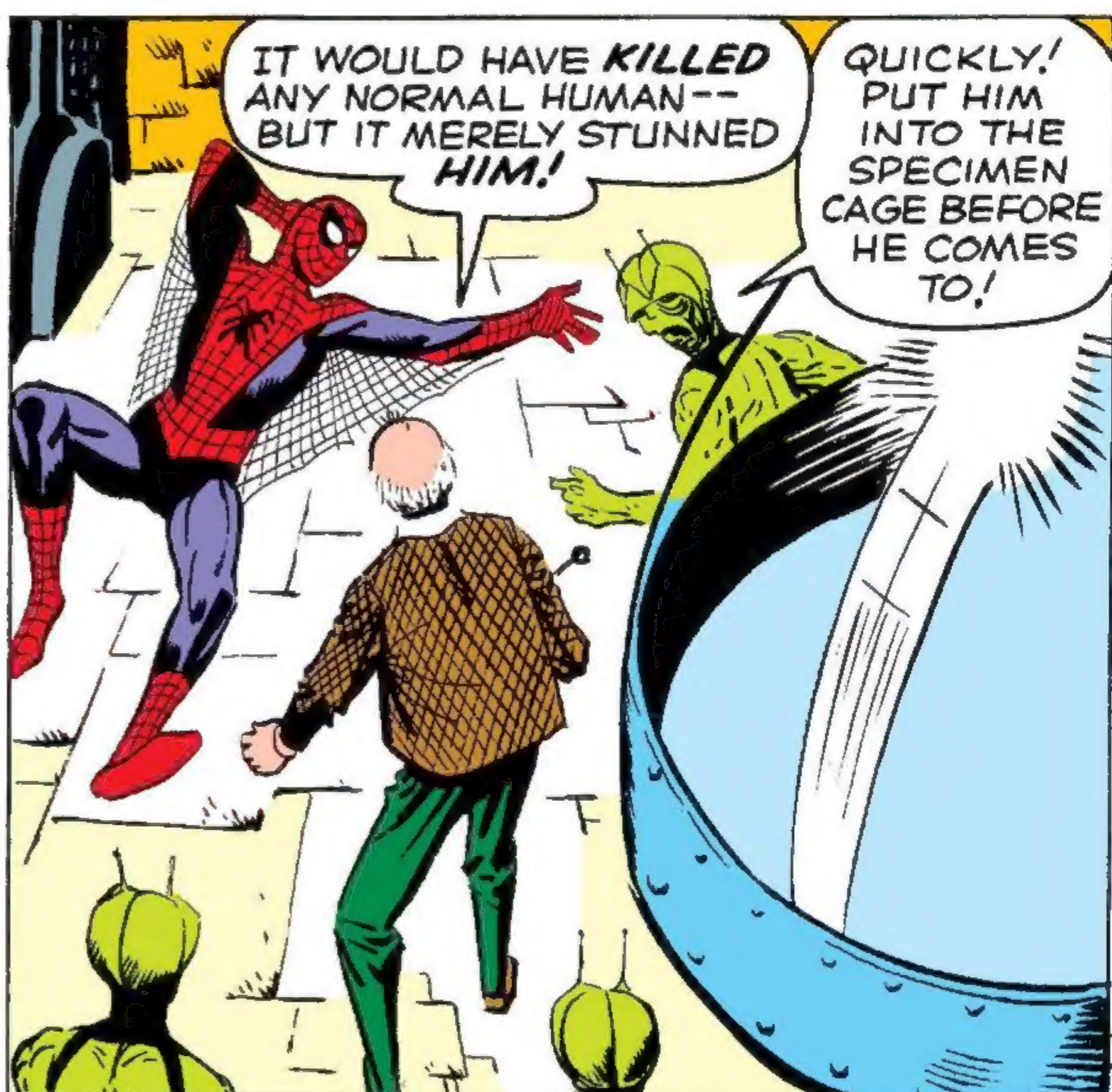
THE TINKERER REPAIR SHOP-- SURE IS AN OFF-BEAT NAME! WONDER WHAT KIND OF KOOKIE CHARACTER RUNS IT?







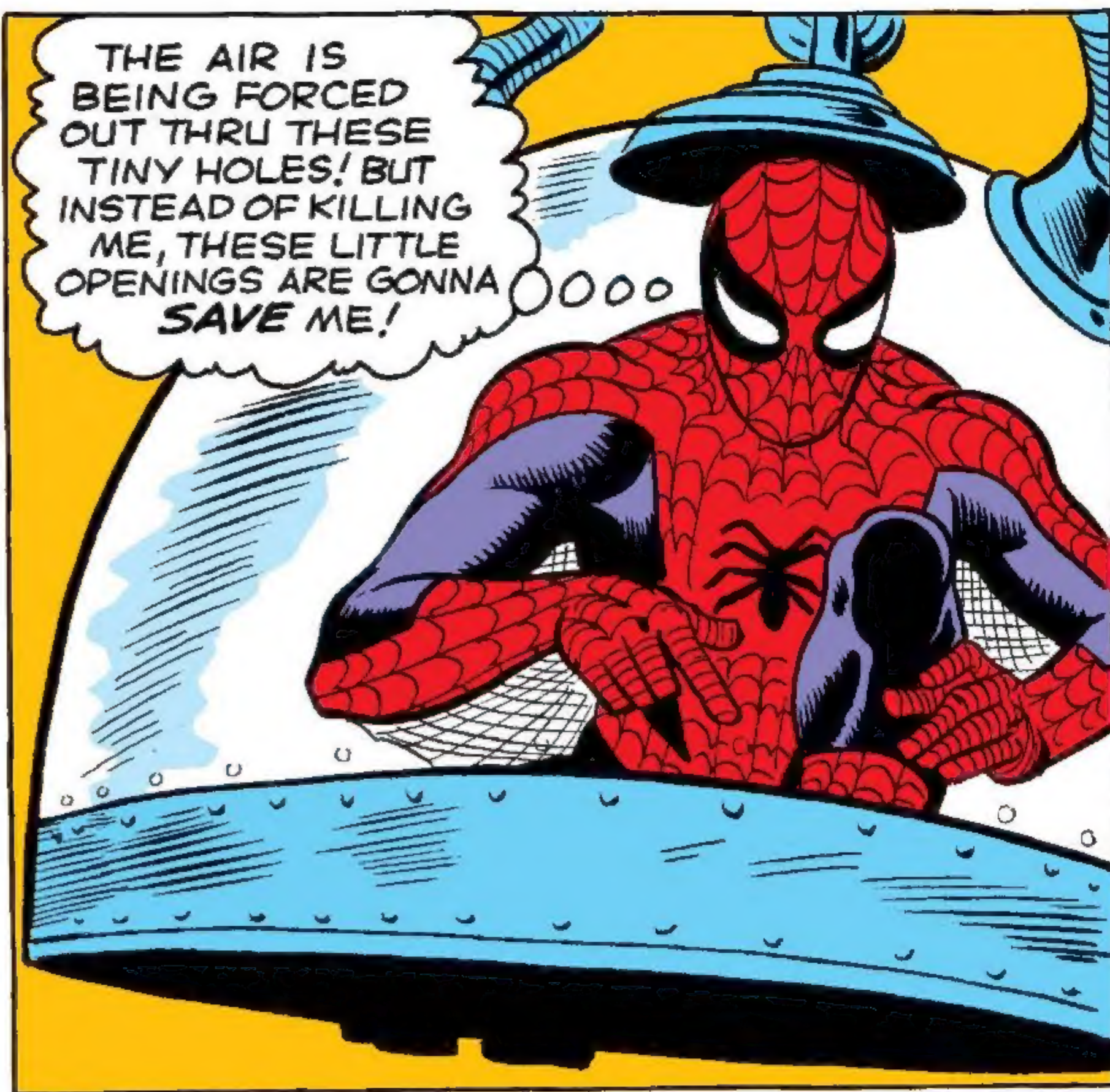




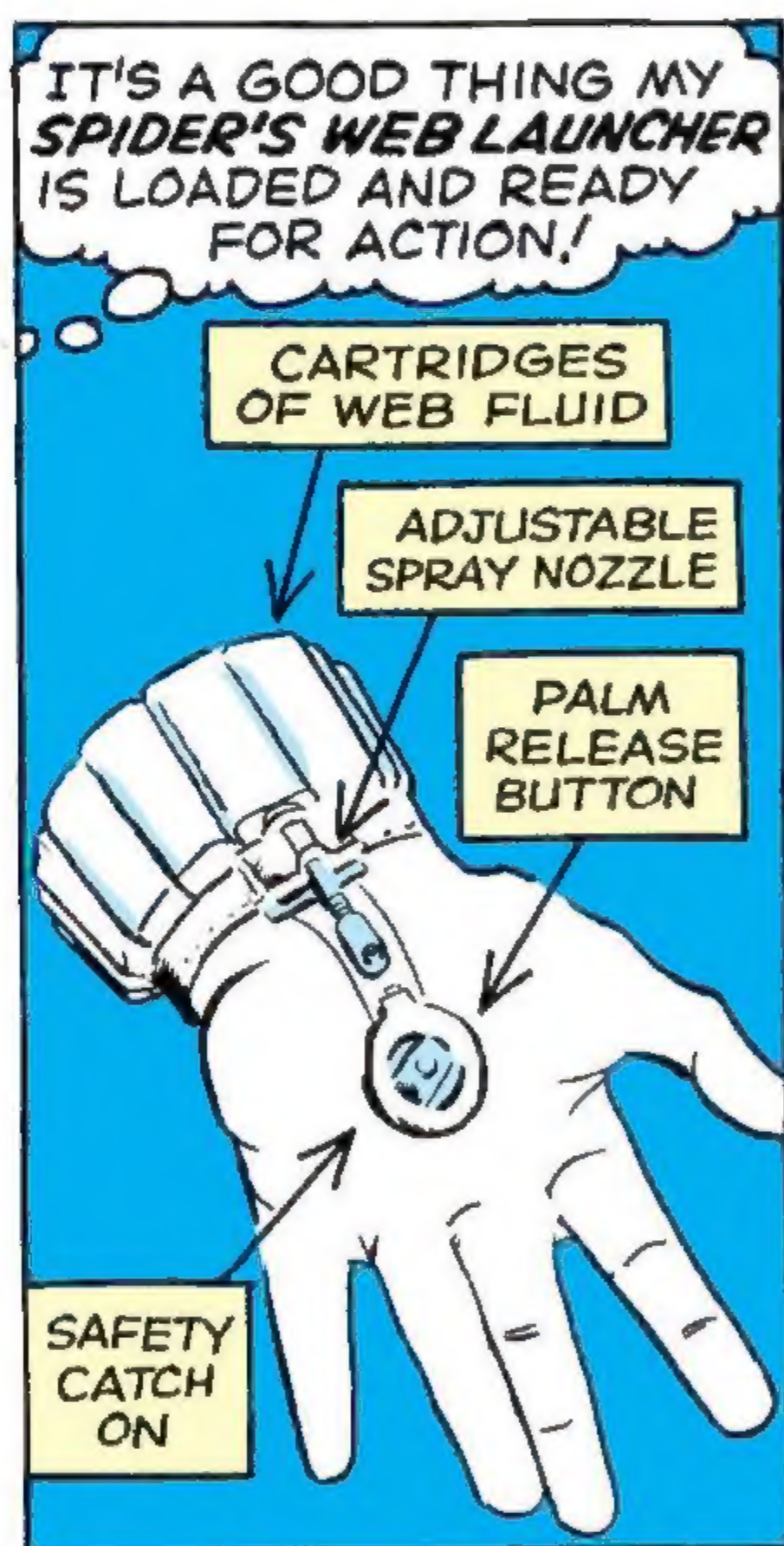


WITHIN MINUTES, **SPIDER-MAN** WILL NO LONGER BE A MENACE TO US!

I'VE GOT TO MOVE **FAST!** THAT CONTROL PANEL ALSO OPENS AND SHUTS THIS CRAZY LITTLE MOUSETRAP!



THE AIR IS BEING FORCED OUT THRU THESE TINY HOLES! BUT INSTEAD OF KILLING ME, THESE LITTLE OPENINGS ARE GONNA **SAVE ME!**



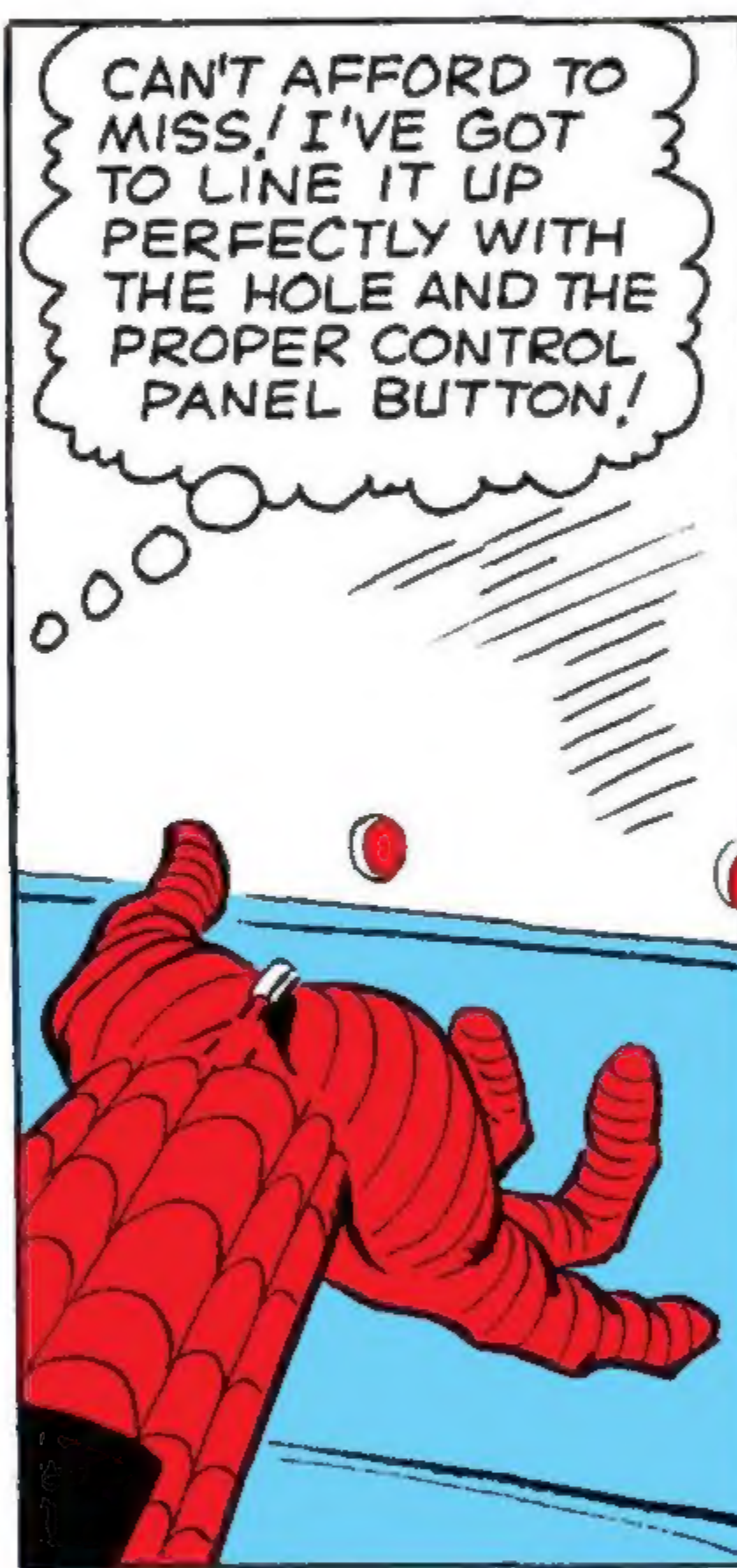
IT'S A GOOD THING MY **SPIDER'S WEB LAUNCHER** IS LOADED AND READY FOR ACTION!

CARTRIDGES OF WEB FLUID

ADJUSTABLE SPRAY NOZZLE

PALM RELEASE BUTTON

SAFETY CATCH ON



CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS! I'VE GOT TO LINE IT UP PERFECTLY WITH THE HOLE AND THE PROPER CONTROL PANEL BUTTON!



I'VE GOT THE SAFETY CATCH OFF--THE NOZZLE ON TARGET--HAND STEADY--



BULL'S EYE!



IT **WORKED!** THE CAGE IS OPEN! I'M **FREE!**

LOOK! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT--HE'S LOOSE! **SPIDER-MAN** IS LOOSE!



WHO DO YOU THINK **YOU** ARE--THE TOWN CRIER??!

YOU **FOOL!** YOU JARRED MY ARM! I-I'VE DESTROYED OUR CONTROL PANEL!



IT WOULD TAKE **MONTHS** TO REBUILD THAT CONTROL PANEL! WE-- WE HAVEN'T THE TIME!

QUICK! LET US FLEE WHILE WE CAN! **SPIDER-MAN** IS TOO POWERFUL!

WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME! DON'T ABANDON ME!



HOLD ON THERE, LAUGHING BOY! **YOU'RE** NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

THEY WERE JUST DOING THEIR DUTY TO WHATEVER PLANET THEY WERE FROM! BUT **YOU**, YOU TRAITOR--!



THIS SMOKE! THE BURNING CONTROL PANEL--IT PUT THE WHOLE PLACE ON FIRE! STOP STRUGGLING, TINKERER! I'M TRYING TO **SAVE** YOU!

NO! LET ME GO! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME! **NOBODY** TOUCHES THE **TINKERER!**



CAN'T SEE! THE SMOKE--IT'S BLINDING ME--CHOKING ME-- GOT TO GET AWAY!



JUST IN TIME! COULDN'T HAVE LASTED MUCH LONGER! BUT THE BUILDING IS A TOTAL WRECK! IT'LL BE REDUCED TO ASHES IN MINUTES!

I HEAR SIRENS! FIRE ENGINES! SOMEONE MUST HAVE TURNED IN AN ALARM! I'VE GOT TO DISAPPEAR!



LOOK! IT'S **SPIDER-MAN!**

MAYBE **HE** STARTED THE FIRE! BUT-- **WHY??**

MEANWHILE, A STRANGE SPACECRAFT BEGINS TO STREAK AWAY FROM EARTH...

SAFE AT LAST! PRESS THE BUTTON WHICH WILL DESTROY ALL OUR SPY DEVICES BY REMOTE CONTROL!

IT IS **DONE!** WE CAN NEVER AGAIN RETURN TO EARTH--THEY WILL BE ON **GUARD** FROM THIS DAY ON!

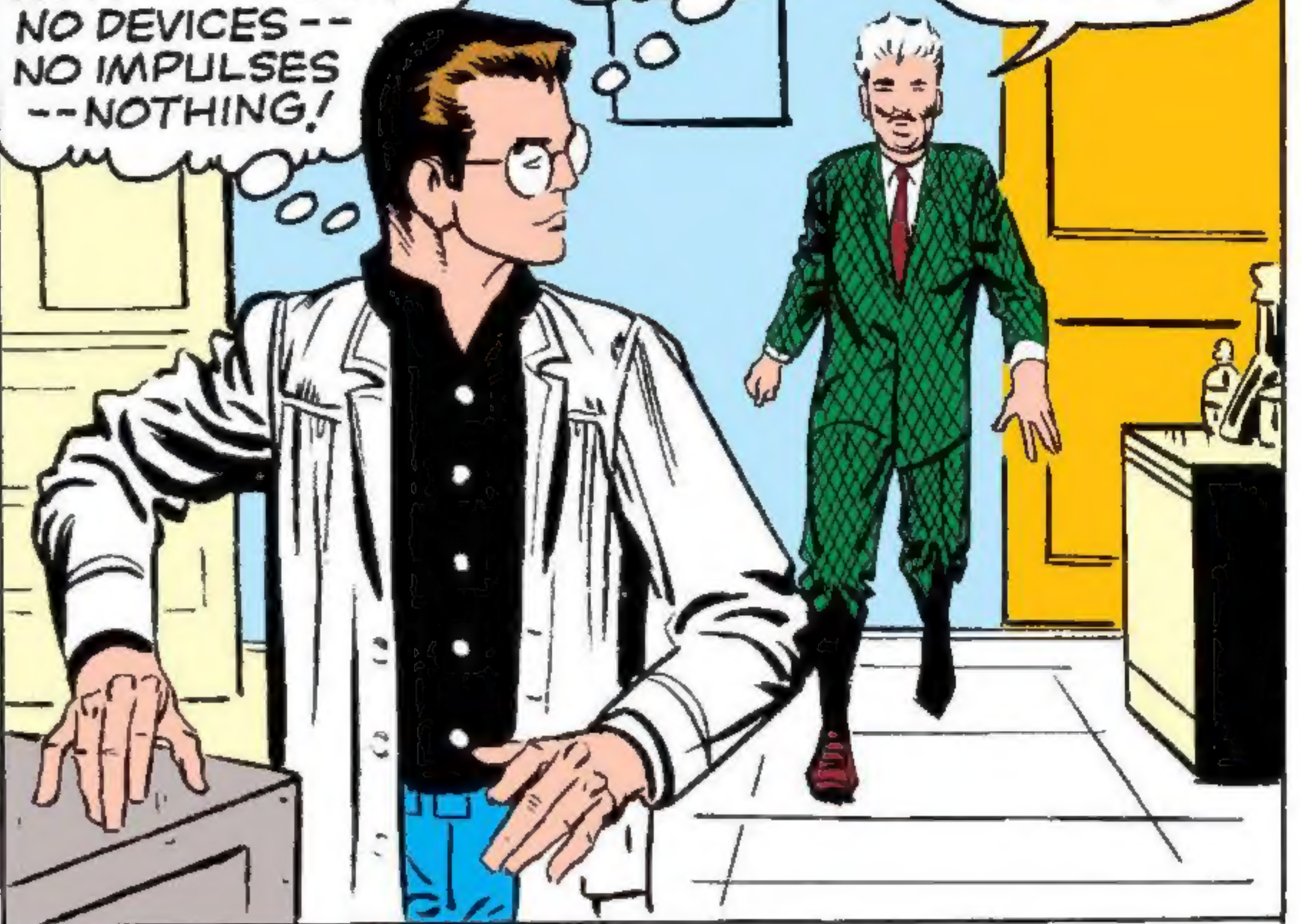


AND, BACK AT THE LABORATORY OF DOCTOR COBBWELL...

I'VE RE-EXAMINED THE RADIO, AND IT'S PERFECTLY **NORMAL** NOW! NO DEVICES -- NO IMPULSES -- NOTHING!

HERE COMES DR. COBBWELL! HE LOOKS EXCITED!

MY BOY, I JUST SAW THE MOST STARTLING SIGHT!



AS I WAS RETURNING FROM THE LECTURE IN MY CAR, I GLANCED SKYWARD--AND I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW A **SPACE SHIP** OF SOME SORT, FADING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE!

REALLY? WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE, SIR?



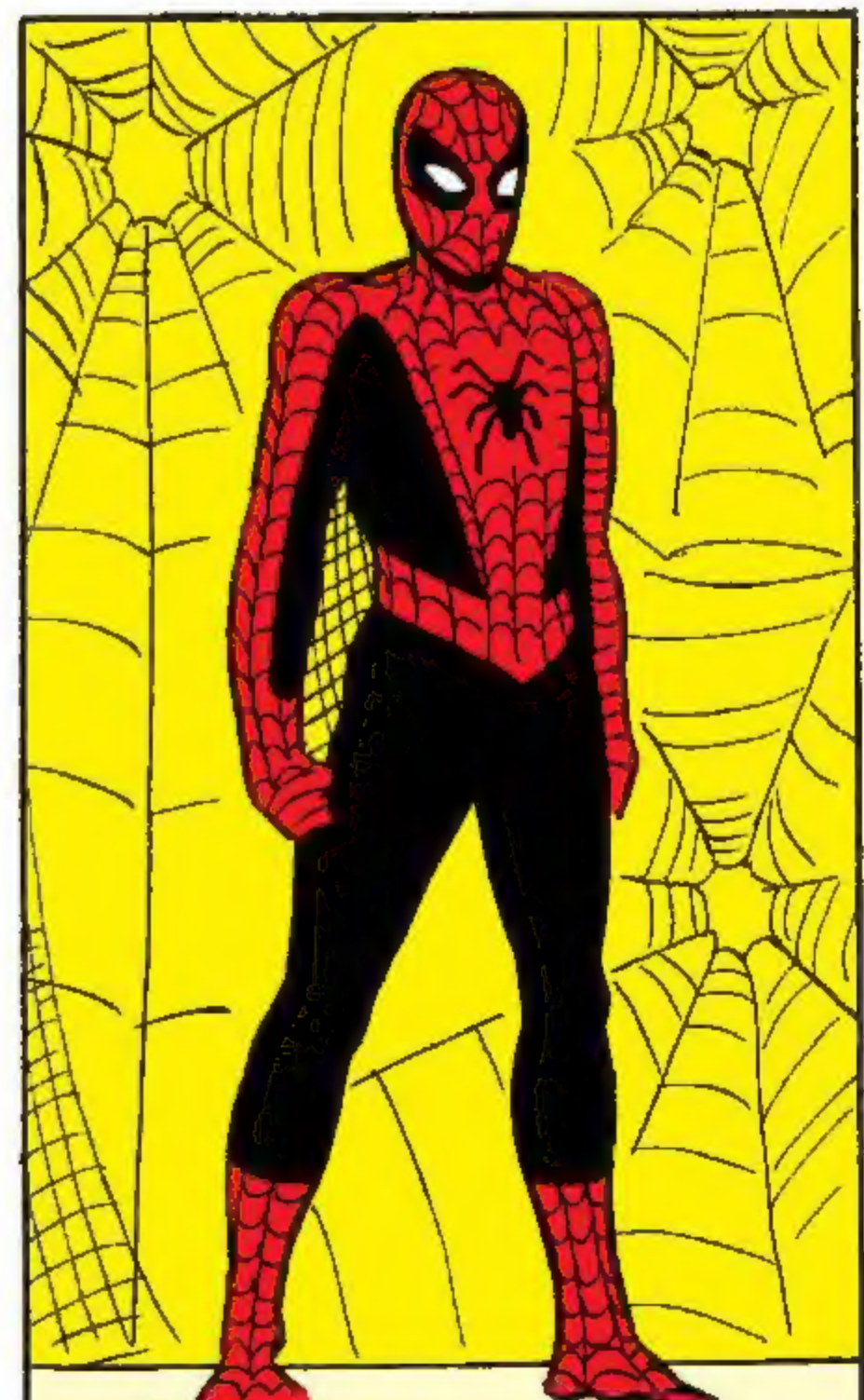
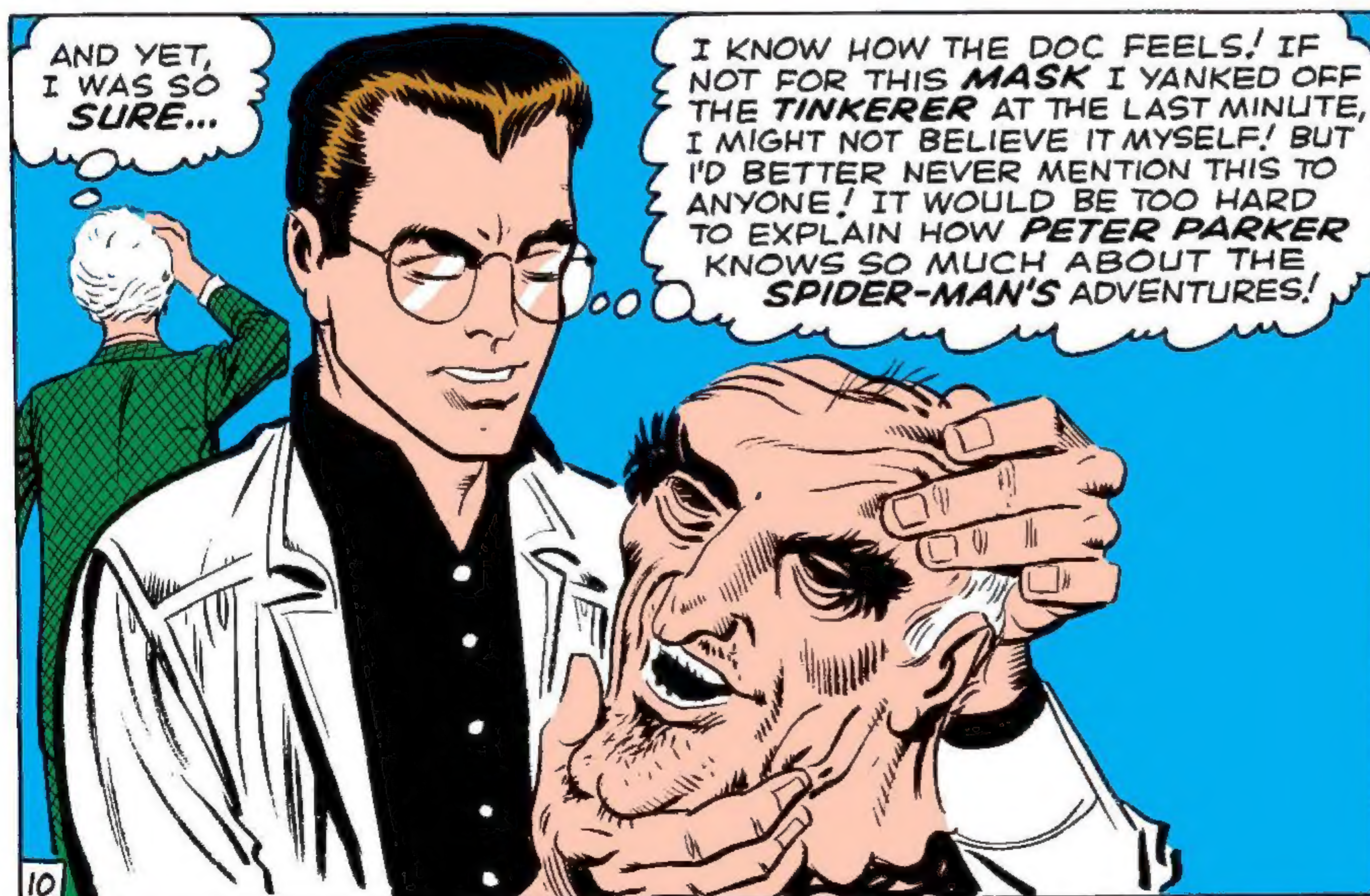
WELL, IT WAS SORT OF -- OHHH, WHAT AM I SAYING?? I MUST HAVE **IMAGINED** IT! NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE ME, ANYWAY! I HAVE NO **PROOF!** PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M A TYPICAL ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR! FORGET IT, PETER! LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

SURE, DOC!



AND YET, I WAS SO **SURE...**

I KNOW HOW THE DOC FEELS! IF NOT FOR THIS **MASK** I YANKED OFF THE **TINKERER** AT THE LAST MINUTE, I MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT MYSELF! BUT I'D BETTER NEVER MENTION THIS TO ANYONE! IT WOULD BE TOO HARD TO EXPLAIN HOW **PETER PARKER** KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT THE **SPIDER-MAN'S** ADVENTURES!



the **BEGINNING...** OF MORE AND GREATER **SPIDER-MAN** ADVENTURES, STARTING NEXT ISSUE!